

2010 YOUTH TOUR

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C. every June since the late 1950s. The Youth Tour is an unforgettable experience students will remember for years to come. Featured speakers during National Youth Day provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their community. Students also gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representatives and senators and exploring the sights around the nation's capital.

As part of GVEC's continuing commitment to our communities, four lucky students from around the GVEC service territory will be chosen to attend the 2010 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Along with over 1,500 students from around the United States, these four students chosen to represent GVEC will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., **June 10-18, 2010**.

Ten lucky finalists will be chosen to present written essays to a panel of judges at the GVEC Office located in Seguin on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Each student will have 10 minutes to present. After students have made their presentation, judges may engage in questions regarding the essay and presentation.

The top four students will be declared the winners of the all-expense paid GVEC Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The six remaining students will receive a gift from GVEC and serve as alternates in the event one or more of the winners are unable to attend the event in June 2010.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- The student's parent(s)/primary guardian, must have an active GVEC electric account.
- The student must be a 2009-2010 Junior living in a residence served by GVEC.
- In order to be eligible for selection, all finalists must be available to attend an essay presentation on **Wednesday, March 3, 2010** at the GVEC office located in Seguin.
- Children of GVEC employees and directors shall not be eligible for this contest.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- Students must fill out the application and attach an official high school transcript along with the required essay.
- Essays must be 750-1000 words, typed.
- Essays submitted should discuss the pre-selected topic, listed on the attached application.

SUBMISSIONS & DEADLINES

- Students must submit all three items (application, transcript, typed essay) in one envelope. Incomplete entries will not be judged.
- All applications must be received by **Monday, February 15, 2010**.
- Application packets can be dropped off at any GVEC office or mailed to:

Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative
Public Relations Department
927 N Hwy 46
Seguin, Texas 78155



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APPLICATION

NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS

GVEC ACCOUNT #

PHONE

PHONE 2

HIGH SCHOOL

ESSAY

Students must submit a typed essay that between 750-1000 words in length and must discuss the pre-selected topic:

“In what ways can my generation get involved in energy conservation and implement change for our future?”