



2018
Government in Action Youth Tour Contest
Sponsored by Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative

Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative holds a contest each year to select a participant for Texas Electric Cooperatives Government in Action Youth Tour. The trip is an extremely special one. By tradition and intent, the tour is set up to give youth an in-depth look at the nation's capital. Each participant will have the opportunity to meet their Legislator, tour dozens of interesting sites and learn a great deal about history, government and electric cooperatives.

Those who have taken the trip say what really makes it special are the relationships they build with other outstanding young people from around the state.

Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative sponsors and pays travel expenses (\$2,250) including meals and lodging. Winners need only money for snacks, souvenirs and personal items.

Contest Guidelines:

Eligible participants must be in high school. Students must live in a home currently served by Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative and his/her parent(s) or guardian must be a GCEC member with an active account.

Entrants can either email, mail or deliver the essay to the Cooperative office by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 16, 2017. The essay must be an original composition by the student with the length of at least 500 words (typed and doubled spaced). Since GCEC celebrated its 80th year in service to the members in, the topic this year is: *“Imagine and describe the next 80 years of electric cooperatives.”*. Also, there will be a meet and greet of the top applicants during the week of February 19th. Date and time to be determined. It's that easy!

Each packet that is submitted for consideration should include the application, the essay, picture, along with two letters of recommendation.

A panel of qualified judges will select the finalists. The winners will be awarded the trip to Washington.

High School Students who are interested in entering the contest, have questions or who would like more information should contact Tracy Begley at Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative, 903.482.7158 or tracy.begley@grayson-collin.coop.

2018 Youth Tour Contest Application

Name: _____

Parents or Guardian name: _____

GCEC Account Number # _____

Address (complete): _____

Parents Telephone: _____

High School: _____

Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Size preference for T-shirt (Circle One): M L XL XXL

All essays submitted become the property of Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative.

2018 YOUTH TOUR TENTATIVE AGENDA June 6-15, 2018

Tentative Agenda (Subject to Change)

June 6-15, 2018

You are going to love the schedule!

Include the following highlights:

Austin Capitol Tour
Bob Bullock Museum
Scheduled appointments with their congressman
Visit to the Capitol
Supreme Court and the Library of Congress
Washington National Cathedral
George Washington's home at Mount Vernon
Smithsonian Institution and Holocaust Memorial Museum
Jefferson, Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt
memorials
Vietnam, World War II and Korean memorials
Washington Monument
Performance at the Kennedy Center
Potomac River Dinner Boat Cruise
Iwo Jima Parade
The Smithsonian's National Zoo