



Attention: High School Juniors NRECA Youth Tour Scholarship Guidelines and Criteria

June 2015

Overview: Again this year, Lane Electric is offering the trip of a lifetime for one lucky high school junior. If you're a junior in high school, your parents / guardians are Lane Electric members, and you apply for this scholarship, you could be selected to represent Lane Electric at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour in Washington, D. C. from June 12 -19, 2015.

In addition to the NRECA Youth Tour scholarship, Lane Electric offers scholarships to Lane Community College. *NOTE: Information for these scholarships will be available online and in our office in January.*

Lane Electric and the NRECA Youth Tour: No stranger to NRECA, Lane Electric participated in the NRECA Youth Tour during the 1980's, sending a number of students to Washington, D.C., with other students from Oregon. Since the late 1950s, the Youth Tour has brought high school juniors and seniors to Washington, D.C. every June. Each year, students across the country compete for this unique opportunity and are selected by their local electric cooperative. Typically, the selection process takes the form of an essay contest, personal interviews or a speech contest.

As a side note, Lane Electric has opted to limit the opportunity to only junior class students so the successful candidate will be available through their senior year to promote the NRECA program to the junior class students and attend Lane Electric's district meetings in the fall, so we can introduce them to our members.

This year's NRECA Youth Tour will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia from June 12 to 19, 2015.

While in Washington, D. C., students learn about electric cooperatives, American history and U.S. government. In the end, they come home with a greater understanding of their role as a citizen. As part of the festivities, youth tour representatives participate in National Youth Day, visit with their representative and senators and explore the sights around the nation's capital.

Students travel with fellow students from their state and will interact with many students from across the nation.

Due to a potential conflict of interest, employees and their family members, Board members and their family members, and members of the Selection Committee and members of their families are not eligible to apply for Lane Electric's scholarships.

Application Criteria: When applying for the NRECA Youth Tour Scholarship, applications can be obtained from the counselor's office at the local high schools (*in the case of junior-class applicants*) or from Lane Electric. Applications are also available on the Lane Electric website: www.laneelectric.com/scholarships. When you have received an application, be sure to read it completely. *If all of the requirements listed below are not included in your final submission, the application is incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.*

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Interested applicants will:

- Submit a **completed** application packet which is available via:
 - Our website, www.laneelectric.com
 - Lane Electric's office at 787 Bailey Hill, Eugene, Oregon 97402
 - E-mail request to: comment.question@laneelectric.com or
 - High school counselor offices
- Submit a brief letter of introduction describing your attitude, your personal goals and where you see yourself in 5 and 10 years.
- Submit an essay (*500 words or less*) about what you see as the biggest challenges electric utilities will face in the future and why.
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or staff or personal references.

REMINDER: If any of the above items are missing, your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.

Application Criteria:

Your application should include statements about, but not limited to, the following:

- Scholastic Ability
- Future Goals
- School Activities
- Community Involvement
- Citizenship
- Moral & Ethical Attitude and Conduct
- The Value of Public Power and Electric Cooperatives

Interview: Final applicants must be available for an interview at Lane Electric's headquarters facility at 787 Bailey Hill Road in Eugene. Applicants will be notified of the day, date and time once all applications have been received, reviewed and scored.

Selection: Interviews and selection will be made by Lane Electric's Scholarship Committee.

- The decision of the scholarship committee is final.
- All applicants will be notified by mail.

Duties: Below are some of the duties, responsibilities and guidelines relevant to the scholarship recipients.

- Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend the following functions to be recognized: commencement exercises, awards ceremonies, district and / or member meetings, etc.

If for any reason, the primary recipient is unable to attend the tour, an alternate may be awarded the scholarship. If no alternates are available, designated funds shall revert back into Lane Electric's scholarship fund.

Deadline for Application:

Applications and the required information must be received at Lane Electric's headquarters, located at 787 Bailey Hill Road / PO Box 21410, Eugene, no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, January 16, 2015.**

REMINDER: If all of the requirements are not included in a candidate's submission, the application is incomplete and the applicant will not be considered for an interview.

Tour Rules and Guidelines for Participants

Rules for students participating in the Rural Electric Youth Tour are based on respect for one another. Students must understand that they are representing their cooperative, their community, their state, and NRECA while on Youth Tour.

Participating in Youth Tour is a privilege, and students must follow some simple rules while on the Tour. These rules will be in effect from their departure until their arrival back home at the end of the program.

Infractions of any of these rules will result in the immediate dismissal of the student from the program. In the event of such a dismissal, the student's parents or guardians and school will be notified, the student will be sent home at his or her own expense, and no payments will be refunded.

Listed below are general rules which students are expected to follow. Students will receive a comprehensive list of rules, including proper dress code for each day, from their State Youth Tour Director as the tour gets closer.

- At no time are male students allowed to visit female students' rooms, and vice versa.
- Students are forbidden to possess and/or use:
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Drugs other than those prescribed for them by a doctor
 - Firearms or weapons of any kind
 - Any tobacco products
 - Laser pointers of any kind
- Students are forbidden to abuse or deface facilities, and are forbidden to abuse, deface, or steal property.
- Students will cooperate with their Tour Director, chaperones and NRECA Staff at all times.
- Non-Youth Tour participants are forbidden from entering student rooms without prior consent from their chaperone(s).
- Participants may not leave the hotel or the tour group for any reason unless accompanied by a chaperone.

Compliance, Participation and Conduct

- Students are expected to comply with all local, state, and federal laws.
- Students are required to participate in all scheduled daily events unless excused by the program nurse.
- Students are required to be in their assigned rooms by 11:00 p.m. each night unless otherwise directed by their State Tour Director. Chaperones, including NRECA staff, will check to ensure that all students are in their rooms.
- Students are expected to behave in a mature manner in the hotel. They should conduct themselves appropriately at all times by keeping down noise levels, allowing others to pass in halls, not blocking the lobby areas, and not crowding the elevators. Students should remember the golden rule of treating other people and other people's property with respect. Participants will be held financially responsible for any damage to their rooms.
- Rules and policies will be strictly enforced. Students who do not wish to observe these rules should not participate in the Youth Tour program. Chaperones are expected to enforce these rules and policies for all students, whether or not a student is from their respective group.

Lane Electric's representative will travel with other students from Oregon as well as chaperones which could include parents, teachers, and electric co-op employees. While in Washington, students will experience history first-hand by visiting monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, and by meeting their representative and senators.

Weather and Dress Expectations

Washington weather in June is unpredictable. It could be hot and humid, and rain is always a possibility. Be sure to check out the [National Weather Service's web site](#) for more information on the weather forecast for Washington.

Keep in mind that the Tour involves a great deal of walking. Comfortable shoes are a must. We strongly advise participants to wear sturdy shoes that are already broken in.

Dress is generally casual, but should show respect for the institutions and memorials that participants will be visiting. No short shorts, cut-offs, torn clothing, or questionable T-shirts, please! Professional dress is expected for Capitol Hill Day. The State tour director and an itinerary will be identified once the selection has been made. Students may contact the director for dress code details and information about specific events.

Attach A Current
Photo Here

2015 Youth Tour Application

*To qualify, parents and/or guardians of
applicant must be members in good
standing with Lane Electric.*



Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Preferred Name (Nick Name): _____

T-Shirt Size: Small Medium

Large X-Large

What year are you in high school? _____

XX-Large Other

Please specify: _____

Street Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian's Name: _____

LEC Account No: _____

High School You Attend: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please list your current classes:

Please list your current activities, sports, clubs, etc:

Please list your hobbies and community activities:

Please list any school leadership experience:

What are your plans after high school?

On a separate piece of paper, in 500 words or less, please respond to the following statement:

- In your opinion, what do you see as the biggest challenge electric utilities will face in the future, and why?

I understand that selection of the candidate will be based on:

- Content and neatness of the application and essay
- Selection will be made based on the essay and an interview at Lane Electric's office, 787 Bailey Hill Road in Eugene.

If selected as Lane Electric's delegate, I agree to:

- Be available to attend the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 12-19, 2015 (all expenses paid except spending money)
- Attend one or more of Lane Electric's District meetings in September/October 2015
- Write a 300-400 word recap of my tour experiences for Lane Electric' *Ruralite magazine*. (submitted no later than July 10, 2015)

Applicant's Statement:

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read all of the information provided, and understand the rules and that my application and essay must be received at Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc. no later than **5:00 PM on Friday, January 16, 2015** or I will not be considered as a candidate.

I understand that if I am selected as the NRECA Youth Tour delegate, and for some unforeseen reason not able to fulfill my obligation, I must notify Lane Electric immediately so that an alternate may be considered.

I also understand and agree that if I am selected as the NRECA Youth Tour delegate, Lane Electric has my permission to publish my name and photograph in the Ruralite magazine, on their website, etc., as part of the notification process to the membership.

Member and Parent or Legal Guardian Statement:

I am a member and/or parent or legal dependent of the above applicant and the information provided is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Required Signatures:

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Return Applications To:
Lane Electric Cooperative
787 Bailey Hill Road / P. O. Box 21410
Eugene, Oregon 97402**

REMEMBER: Make sure to review the "Application Criteria" section and your application. If you have not completed and do not submit all of the requirements listed under "Application Criteria", your application is incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.