

# **Youth Tour Contest Application & Interview Guidelines**

## **Application Deadline**

**Friday, November 22, 2024, 4:00 p.m.**

## **Contest – Perryton Location**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

## **Youth Tour Trip**

**June 15-22, 2025**



# YOUTH TOUR CONTEST APPLICATION

## Contest Guidelines

1. Contestants must be a Junior or Senior in high school (public school or home schooled) to be eligible to compete. They must live within NPEC's service territory but are not required to be a member of the Cooperative.
2. Members of the immediate families and/or persons residing in the households of cooperative board members and/or employees of North Plains Electric are eligible to participate in the contest.
3. Contestants must have written permission from a parent or guardian to participate in the contest.
4. **Entries must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, 2024.**
5. Each contestant shall submit a completed application either typed or handwritten. Applications may be obtained from the cooperative's office, online [www.npec.org/youth-tour](http://www.npec.org/youth-tour) or your high school principal or counselor's office.
6. You can send your application, references, and permission form to North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. by mail or in person. Please address it to Youth Tour, P.O. Box 1008, Perryton, TX 79070. Alternatively, you can email your application to [youth\\_tour@npec.org](mailto:youth_tour@npec.org).
7. Applicants must be able to attend the interview process scheduled for **Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**
8. All applications become the property of North Plains Electric Cooperative.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

High School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent or Guardian Permission & Code of Conduct Form

To: North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.

I/We hereby give \_\_\_\_\_ permission to submit his/her name as an applicant to be considered for North Plains Electric's Youth Tour trip to Washington, DC on June 15-22, 2025.

Parents/guardians acknowledge that all students are expected to adhere to the established code of conduct during the trip. In the event that a student is removed from the trip due to behavioral issues, parents/guardians will be responsible for the student's return home and any associated costs. We appreciate your understanding and support in ensuring a positive experience for all participants.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Applicant Signature

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Date





# Personal Reference – Teacher

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. How would you describe this student?

3. What contributions does this student make in the classroom?

Mark the scale that best describes this applicant's traits.

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Maturity					
Cooperative Nature					
Potential					
Leadership Ability					
Desire to Succeed					
Attitude					
Self Confidence					
Sense of Responsibility					
Social Skills					

(Personal letter of recommendation may also be attached if desired.)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Personal Reference – Community Leader

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
  
2. How would you describe this student?
  
3. What contributions does this student make in the community?

Mark the scale that best describes this applicant's traits.

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Maturity					
Cooperative Nature					
Potential					
Leadership Ability					
Desire to Succeed					
Attitude					
Self Confidence					
Sense of Responsibility					
Social Skills					

(Personal letter of recommendation may also be attached if desired.)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Contest Judging

Contestants will be interviewed by a panel of (3) judges appointed by North Plains Electric Cooperative and winners will be selected after the interview process.

Contestants will be evaluated using the following criteria based on a scale of 1-10.

**Totaling up to a possible 30 points.**

- ❖ **Written application**
- ❖ **Poise including ability to clearly express thoughts and ideas**
- ❖ **Knowledge of electric cooperatives**
- ❖ **Personality**

Judges will ask you questions about yourself such as your personal abilities, school activities, goals, and accomplishments. They will also ask you what you have learned about the cooperatives.

Included in this packet are general facts about North Plains Electric and rural electric cooperatives in the form of questions and answers.

The questions from the judges will come directly from those questions, so study them well.

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## **Check list of documents to be submitted to North Plains Electric, Inc.**

**Please ensure that all sections of the application are completed and filled out thoroughly.**

- **Youth Tour contest application**
- **Parent or Guardian Permission & Code of Conduct Form**
  - **Part I – School Activity**
  - **Part 2 – Community Activities**
  - **Part 3 – Narrative from Applicant**
    - **Part 4 – (2) References**