



2019 Youth Tour Application

Sponsored by Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____ Current Grade Level: 11th _____ 12th _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____ FMCS Account # _____

How did you hear about the Washington DC Youth Tour opportunity?

Please list your current activities, sports, hobbies and community activities:

**Completed application, letter of recommendation, photo & essay are due to
Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Office
by 3:30pm, Friday, February 1, 2019
for consideration.**

Guidelines:

- Applicants must be a junior or senior in high school. Be the child or dependent of an FMCS member and also reside in the cooperative’s service territory.
- Applicant will need to be available for the Youth Tour on the dates of June 15 through June 20, 2019.
- Must be available for the banquet to be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services, if chosen to advance to this interview process.

Please attach the following to your application:

- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach or youth organization leader
- Class photo of yourself
- Essay

As an applicant, I agree to attend the required banquet on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, if selected to be interviewed. If selected as a winning delegate, I agree to be available for the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 15 – 20, 2019, and attend a FMCS Board Meeting in July or August to recap the tour, to our directors.

I understand that if I am selected:

- For some unforeseen reason I am not able to fulfill my obligation, I must notify Freeborn-Mower Cooperative immediately, so an alternate may be considered.
- I agree to allow FMCS to publish my name and/or photographs in their newsletter, on the website and social media, etc.

Parent/Guardian Consent: I/we hereby give my/our dependent high school junior or senior permission to enter the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. contest. I/we understand if he/she wins, I/we will be responsible for providing his/her own transportation to and from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. By signing this form, we agree the below named student is making a commitment and are obligated to attend the Youth Tour.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian/Custodial Signature

Date

Youth Tour

Essay Questions

Please respond to both questions - around 500 words total.

1. In your opinion, what is a challenge, electric cooperatives face today and what can you recommend to solve it?
2. Why do you want to represent Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services as our Youth Tour Delegate and how do you hope to benefit from this experience?

Notification | Judging:

- **Eligibility** - All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will be considered.
- **Preliminary Selection** - A judging committee will select the top applicant entries. The preliminary applicants will advance to the interview banquet.
- **Notification** - All applicants will be notified whether they advance to the interview process or not.
- **Final Selection** - The final judging will be in a form of an interview process. Two applicants will be awarded the Youth Tour and two applicants be selected for alternates.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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1. Must currently be a junior or senior in high school
2. Must reside in FMCS territory
3. Completed application form (Page 1 & 2)
4. Completed Essay Questions
5. Photo of yourself
6. Letter of recommendation
7. Able to attend banquet if selected for interview

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