



2018 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 FMCS: by 3:30pm, Friday, February 1, 2018 for consideration.

2018 Tour: June 9- 14, 2018

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 9 through June 14, 2018.
- Must be available for the banquet to be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services, if chosen to advance to 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 6, 2018, 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 9 - 14, 2018, 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. Student must be currently be junior or senior in high school
2. Must reside in FMCS territory
3. Completed application form
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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