



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

# June 2019

**DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

**Apply by Jan. 31, 2019**

**Overview:** Again this year, Lane Electric Cooperative is offering the trip of a lifetime for one high school junior. If 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 13-20, 2019.

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 February.

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.

***This opportunity is specifically for 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, so we can introduce them to our members.***

**Lane Electric and the NRECA Youth Tour:** Lane Electric Cooperative has participated in the NRECA Youth Tour since the 1980s, sending a number of students to Washington, D.C., with other students from Oregon. Since the late 1950s, the Youth Tour has provided the opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to experience Washington, D.C. every June. Each year, students across the country compete for this unique opportunity and are selected by their local electric cooperative.

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. While in Washington, students will experience history first-hand by visiting monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, and by meeting their representative and senators.

***If all of the application 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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## **Application Criteria:**

### **Interested applicants will:**

- Submit a **completed** application packet which is available via:
  - Our website: [www.laneelectric.com](http://www.laneelectric.com)
  - Lane Electric's office at 787 Bailey Hill, Eugene, Oregon 97402 or
  - High school counselor offices
  - Submit a brief letter of introduction describing yourself, your attitude, your personal goals and where you see yourself in 5 and 10 years, and the value of public power and electric cooperatives.
- Complete the questions on the application form, which include:
  - Scholastic Ability
  - Future Goals
  - School Activities
  - Community Involvement
- Submit an essay (*500 words or less*) about what you see as the biggest challenges rural 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.***

**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 email or 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 return to 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, Eugene, no later than **5:00 PM on Thursday, January 31, 2019**

***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 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 student representative will travel with other students from Oregon as well as chaperones which could include parents, teachers, and electric co-op employees.

### **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 website 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.



# 2019 Youth Tour Application



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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
**5:00 PM on Thursday, January 31, 2019**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (Nick Name): \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size:  Small  Medium  
 Large  X-Large  
 XX-Large  Other  
Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

What year are you in high school? \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

LEC Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

High School You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your current classes:

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

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Please list your hobbies and community activities:

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Please list any school leadership experience:

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What are your plans after high school?

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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 rural 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
- 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 13-20, 2019 (all expenses paid except spending money)
- Attend one or more of Lane Electric’s District meetings in 2019
- Write a 300-400 word recap of my tour experiences for Lane Electric’s *Ruralite magazine*. (submitted no later than July 11, 2019)

**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 Thursday, January 31, 2019**, 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 on its website, social media, and in the Ruralite magazine, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL OR DELIVER APPLICATIONS BY 5:00 PM on THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019 to:**

**Lane Electric Cooperative  
ATTN: Scholarship Program  
787 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene OR 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.**