



## The yearly trip is sponsored by the S.C. Electric Cooperatives.

### Co-ops make a difference:

- Since 1935 electric cooperatives have been making a difference across America.
- There are more than 900 co-ops serving more than 40 million people in 47 states – 12% of the nation’s population.
- Electric co-ops own and maintain 2.5 million miles (42%) of the nation’s electric distribution lines.
- Electric co-ops deliver 10% of the total kilowatt hours sold in the U.S. each year.
- Electric co-ops employ 67,000 people in the U.S.

Members of electric cooperatives are the owners and express higher than average levels of customer satisfaction. Co-ops put their member-owners first. In addition, co-ops are locally owned and operated. When members call the co-op, they are talking with their friends and neighbors.

**South Carolina has 20 cooperatives that deliver power directly to consumers.**



1. Aiken Electric Cooperative
2. Berkeley Electric Cooperative
3. Black River Electric Cooperative
4. Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative
5. Broad River Electric Cooperative
6. Coastal Electric Cooperative
7. Edisto Electric Cooperative
8. Fairfield Electric Cooperative
9. Horry Electric Cooperative
10. Laurens Electric Cooperative
11. Little River Electric Cooperative
12. Lynches River Electric Cooperative
13. Marlboro Electric Cooperative
14. Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
15. Newberry Electric Cooperative
16. Palmetto Electric Cooperative
17. Pee Dee Electric Cooperative
18. Santee Electric Cooperative
19. Tri-County Electric Cooperative
20. York Electric Cooperative

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### Principles of a Co-op:

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member’s Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community



For more information about electric cooperatives visit:  
[ecsc.org](http://ecsc.org)  
[nreca.coop](http://nreca.coop)

# Co-op Facts

# \$5,000 College Scholarship



**June 10-15, 2017**

The R. D. Bennett Scholarship is a one-time check in the amount of \$5,000 issued to a student and the college, university, trade or tech school of the student's choice by the state association of electric cooperatives.



The scholarship winner is chosen based on the successful completion of a community service project.

**The winner will be announced in August.**

**S.C. juniors selected for Youth Tour are eligible to compete for the R.D. Bennett Scholarship.**



See democracy in action and meet South Carolina's lawmakers, like the Honorable James E. Clyburn, South Carolina Representative from the sixth congressional district.



Looking good inside the Capitol!

## National Youth Leadership Council

One student among the Youth Tour delegation will be selected as South Carolina's representative on the national Youth Leadership Council.



The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) is made up of one student from each state. The winner will travel for free back to Washington, D.C. in July for a leadership conference, and then to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association meeting. Selection is based on an application, a speech and a vote by fellow students.

***During the July conference, one student will be chosen as the national YLC representative and will deliver his/her speech during the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association meeting.***

*Vernon Kennedy, Jr., one of Fairfield Electric Cooperative's delegates, was the 2016 YLC S.C. state representative.*



*"My fellow Americans."*

**For more information about the Youth Tour visit [youthtour.coop](http://youthtour.coop).**



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