

2017 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR
Application Guidelines and Instructions

READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION

I. Qualifications

- A. Applicants must currently be a ***high school junior***.
- B. Applicants must complete an application form and contact his/her own references.
- C. All juniors may apply; however, those ***students not living in households served by Lynch River must attend a high school within the Lynch River Electric Cooperative's service area.***

II. Requirements

- A. An application must be submitted.
- B. The two Personal References must be returned to Lynch River with the application. Community leaders may include professionals such as clergymen, lawyers, bankers, farmers, doctors, etc. A school administrator or teacher may submit only one reference. ***References cannot be from family members.***
- C. Selected applicants will be ***required*** to participate in a personal interview. Applicants will be contacted to set an interview appointment.

Return Application and Personal References to: David Sides, Lynch River Electric Cooperative, P. O. Box 308, Pageland, SC 29728. Application Deadline: Friday, Feb. 3, 2017
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III. Judging

- A. Interviews will be conducted by employees of the Lynch River Electric Cooperative. The selection of **four finalists** will be based on completed applications and personal interviews.
- B. Applicants will be judged on school and community involvement, scholastic aptitude, honors and awards, reference recommendations, poise, communication skills and basic knowledge of Lynch River Electric Cooperative (see attached sheet) and current political events. ***Applicants should know the names of the legislators that represent the area where they live on the state and national levels.*** Judges will ask applicants questions concerning past experiences and future plans.
- C. **Four winners** will be selected as Lynch River Electric Cooperative representatives for the Washington Youth Tour. An alternate will be chosen in the event one of the winners is unable to attend the tour.
- D. Winners will be recognized at the Lynch River Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting Oct. 21, 2017.

IV. Scholarship

Students selected as Youth Tour Representatives will be eligible to compete for the **\$5,000 R. D. Bennett Scholarship** from the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina. The winner is chosen based on a successful community service project. The winner of the \$5,000 scholarship will be announced in August.



TOUR DATES: JUNE 10-15, 2017

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Friday, Feb. 3, 2017

Please type or print in Black ink.

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Phone: (____) _____ Mobile Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

School Name: _____ Grade Level: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

Career Goal: _____

Name of Your Electric Utility Provider: _____

Notes:

- **References** – See page 1, Section II - B. for reference information.
- **Interview** – See page 1, Section II - C. for personal interview information.

Please submit the names of the two people who will submit Personal References on your behalf. One reference must be from a teacher or school administrator.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Occupation and Address</i>	<i>Daytime Phone Number</i>

References CANNOT be family members or relatives.

Please complete the following: You may use a separate sheet of paper. Please write legibly or type.

1. List your **school activities**. Include any elected positions, special honors, awards, and accomplishments from your high school career, such as class officer, theatre productions, athletics, music, art, etc.

2. List **extracurricular activities** and the years of participation, such as the 4-H, Future Farmers of America, church, community and service clubs. Indicate honors, awards, and accomplishments.

3. List **all other opportunities you have applied or been selected for** that may take place around the same time as the Washington Youth Tour. For example, Palmetto Girls or Boys State, youth camps, mission trips, etc.

4. Write a **paragraph** stating **why you would like to go to Washington, D.C.** as a representative for Lynchess River Electric Cooperative on the Youth Tour. Your comments will be judged on content, composition, neatness and grammar.