

High School Juniors can win a weeklong trip to

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 9-15, 2018

YOUTH TOUR



**National Rural Electric
Cooperative Association**

A Touchstone Energy Cooperative



Two winners and an alternate will be chosen to represent **Continental Divide Electric Cooperative** on the **2018 Government-in-Action Youth Tour**.

Competition is open to high school juniors whose parents or legal guardians are active CDEC account holders. Simply submit a 500- to 750-word essay addressing the topic below:

*All cooperative businesses adhere to seven guiding principles.
Please explain why you think these cooperative values are important.*

Call CDEC's Mac Juarez at (505) 285-6656 for more details.

Deadline to apply: **Friday, November 17, 2017.**

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2018 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Essay Contest

*Two juniors will win a **FREE** trip to Washington D.C.!*

The annual Government-In-Action Youth Tour is a collaborative effort between electric cooperatives across the country, the New Mexico Rural Electric Co-op Association (NMRECA) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The next tour is scheduled for **June 9-15, 2018**. Two high school juniors (and an alternate) will be chosen to represent CDEC in Washington D.C., for FREE.



The competition is open to high school juniors whose parents or legal guardians are active account holders with CDEC. Contestants are required to complete the application form (**on the back of this brochure**) and submit a 500- to 750-word essay, addressing the following topic:

*All cooperative businesses adhere to seven guiding principles.
Please explain why you think these cooperative values are important.*

The seven guiding principles are below:

Open and Voluntary Membership • Democratic Member Control
Member's Economic Participation • Autonomy and Independence
Education, Training and Information • Cooperation Among Cooperatives
Concern for Community

A panel of three judges will grade the essays based on the following criteria:

- Essay is clearly written and grammatically correct.
- Student demonstrates firm understanding of our nation's current energy policies and how those changes would affect generation power and the price of electricity.
- Essay is free of misstatements of fact.
- Student uses at least three (3) sources for facts and cites them within the essay (i.e., "according to...") or in bibliography format.

Names, addresses and other identifiers of applicants and the schools they attend and areas they live will be removed from judges' copies. Entries must be received no later than **Nov. 17, 2017**. Winners will be announced in **December**.



The NM Youth Tour director arranges airline flights, hotel accommodations, meals, visits with New Mexico congressional delegation and MANY other educational and sight-seeing opportunities.

Activities include:

- A visit to the offices of congressional representatives on Capitol Hill
- Discussions with legislators about current events
- Boat cruise on the Potomac River
- NRECA youth conference with keynote speaker

Tours of:

- The Smithsonian Institution
- Washington National Cathedral
- Mount Vernon, home of George Washington
- Arlington National Cemetery
- A wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Ford's Theatre, location of Abraham Lincoln's assassination
- And several other national monuments!

Students also learn:

- What makes cooperatives unique
- How cooperatives from all industries impact our daily lives
- And, gain a greater understanding of what America stands for



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2018 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Essay Contest Official Entry Form

Entry Deadline: Friday, November 17, 2017

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

High School:

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name:

CDEC Account No.:

Applicant Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Use one of the below methods to return entry form and essay

Hand-deliver: Grants Office is at 200 E. High Street. Gallup office is at 2500 NM Highway 602.
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

Mail:

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