



BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC  
MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

# 2026 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Application



The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is an annual event coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC). "Tourists" are sponsored by local cooperatives who are given the opportunity to learn about the electric cooperative business model, American history, and the U.S. government.

## **Criteria:**

## **County you live in:**

- ❖ Deadline to apply is **January 15, 2026**.
- ❖ Tour dates are **June 14 - 20, 2026**.
- ❖ Student must be a rising high school junior or senior.
- ❖ Students must reside in a residence receiving electric service from BEMC.
- ❖ Transportation to Raleigh must be provided the day before the tour to Washington, D.C.
- ❖ Youth Tourists are **required** to travel to and from Washington D.C. with the NCEMC Youth Tour group.
- ❖ Children of BEMC employees are not eligible to apply.

## **Section 1**

Name:

Birth Date:

Address:

City/State:

Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

E-mail Address:

High School you are attending:

Current Grade:

## **Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)**

Mother/Legal Guardian's Name:

Father/Legal Guardian's Name:

Are your parents/legal guardians members of BEMC?

If selected as a youth tourist, I agree to participate at the BEMC Annual Meeting in the fall.

## **Section 2 *Keep content in this section short - once boxes are filled, no more text can be added.***

Academic and School Honors Received:

## **School Activities:**

## **Special Interests, Hobbies, Talents:**

### **Section 3**

Type a 250-500 word essay on the topic listed below. Complete the quiz and attach it with your essay with the application.

The Youth Tour offers students an opportunity to explore leadership, history, and civic engagement in our nation's capital. Explain why attending the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. is important to you. In your response, discuss what you hope to learn, how the experience could influence your future goals, and why you would like to represent BEMC and your community on this trip.

## Section 4

Complete the **True/False** and **Multiple choice** questions below.

**Select “T” or “F”** in the space provided.

1. \_\_\_ Most of the electric power generated in this country comes from nuclear power plants.
2. \_\_\_ The United States uses less energy now than it did in 1960.
3. \_\_\_ Cooperative members cannot vote until they have been members for at least five years.
4. \_\_\_ Each member of a rural electric co-op has one vote regardless of the amount of electricity used.
5. \_\_\_ Rubber, glass and wax are excellent conductors of electricity.
6. \_\_\_ Rural electric cooperatives in North Carolina are called Electric Membership Corporations.

**Select** the correct answer to the questions below:

7. **The city which received the first central station service was:**
  - a. New York
  - b. Philadelphia
  - c. Washington, DC
8. **The country credited for starting the first co-op is:**
  - a. France
  - b. England
  - c. Germany
  - d. United States
9. **A cooperative is owned and controlled by:**
  - a. stockholders
  - b. members
  - c. directors
10. **Rural electric cooperatives are:**
  - a. profit
  - b. not-for-profit
  - c. tax exempt organizations
11. **The Rural Electrification Administration was established in:**
  - a. 1935
  - b. 1829
  - c. 1492
12. **How many rural electric cooperatives are in North Carolina?**
  - a. 19
  - b. 26
  - c. 300

## Section 5

Write 2–5 sentences telling us why you would like to go on the Rural Electric Youth Tour.

Signature - *Please print application, sign and date before mailing to address below.*

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**Mail application by January 15, to:** Wendy Koonce, Youth Tour Program, Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, P.O. Box 826, Shallotte, NC 28459; or email it to: [wendy.koonce@bemc.org](mailto:wendy.koonce@bemc.org)