

## **Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Announces Its 2019 Government-in-Action Youth Tour**

The Board of Directors of Houston County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“HCEC”) in conjunction with Texas Electric Cooperative (TEC), and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) will sponsor two deserving students for the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Government-in-Action Youth Tour. The tour will take place from June 12<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The chaperoned, all-expense-paid trip will cover airfare, transportation, hotel rooms, food, and the cost of the various sightseeing outings.

The journey will begin with a trip to Austin where the students will learn about state government and visit famous landmarks such as the Capitol, Zilker Botanical Garden, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, and the 9/11 Memorial.

From there, they will travel to Washington, D.C. and join more than 1,500 high school participants from across the nation. They will have the opportunity to meet with their elected Texas representatives as well as visiting historically significant national sites, touring some of Washington, D.C.’s most moving memorials, and browsing the campus of our nation’s capital.

### **Requirements**

- Candidate’s parents or guardians must be active HCEC members and maintain a permanent residence currently using HCEC’s electrical lines.
- Candidate must be a high school student enrolled as a sophomore, junior or senior in the 2018-2019 school year and 16 years old with a state issued driver license or ID.
- Candidate must submit **an application** and a **500-word typed essay**.

An independent panel will judge the application and essay, and the top candidates will be interviewed. Candidates will be notified of the date and time of their interview, which will be conducted at the HCEC office. The topic of this year’s essay is “Media in government.” Some have referred to the media as the 4<sup>th</sup> branch of government. Do you agree or disagree with the characterization? What is your opinion about the role of the media in government?

Applications are available from your local high school counselor, U.S. History teacher, Government teacher, and online at [www.houstoncountyelec.com](http://www.houstoncountyelec.com).

**2019 HOUSTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE. INC**

**Government-in-Action Youth Tour**

**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

**Please complete the application and attach your essay. DO NOT put your name on the essay.**

**Student Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address of High School \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School Sponsor-Teacher-Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number for school sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Houston County Electric Cooperative's Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Due: December 14, 2018**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent-Guardian-Member

Please review and carefully answer the questions below. Please write legibly. **Attach your typed essay** to the application, enclose in an envelope and mail or deliver to Houston County Electric Cooperative at:

Houston County Electric Coop. Inc.  
Attention: Youth Tour  
P.O. Box 52  
Crockett, TX 75835

1. List any organizations and activities you are involved in as well as any offices held.

2. List any awards you have received.

3. Please list any information you care to present concerning yourself, your scholastic achievements or your extracurricular activities.

4. Please tell us about your educational plans.

5. Please tell us why you think you should be considered for this Government-in-Action tour.