



2010 Washington Youth Tour

**A trip of a lifetime!
Fun, fast-paced, awe-inspiring!**

JUNE 10–17, 2010

Carroll EMC will select two teenagers from their service area to join dozens of other students, representing electric cooperatives across Georgia, on the Washington Youth Tour. The tour begins with a banquet for participants and their parents. Then the students enjoy a day of activities in their home state before flying to Washington, D.C., for an incredible week in our nation's capital. Once they are in Washington, they will have the opportunity to meet Youth Tour students from all across the nation.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The Washington Youth Tour is open to students attending a high school in Carroll, Haralson, Heard, Paulding, Polk, or Troup County or if Carroll EMC serves their primary residence with electricity.
2. The applicant must be 16 years of age by June 10, 2010.
3. Any student who has previously won the Washington Youth Tour is not eligible to enter the contest a second time.

****Please note:** Children, grandchildren or any close relative of a Carroll EMC employee, Carroll EMC Director or Carroll EMC Foundation Director must apply for the statewide contest sponsored by Georgia EMC. The deadline for submitting a statewide application is February 15, 2010. Statewide applications are available upon request.

HOW TO APPLY:

Complete the attached application form. Be sure to provide all of the information requested, and be sure to attach a separate sheet explaining why you would like to go on the Washington Youth Tour and why you should be selected to participate. (See the "Tell Us Why" section of the application.) Both the student and the student's parent/legal guardian must sign the application.

**Mail your completed application to:
Carole Thompson, Carroll EMC, 155 North Hwy. 113, Carrollton, GA 30117**

Must be postmarked by March 1, 2010

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Application

Remember: Deadline is March 1, 2010

Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ E-Mail _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Current School: _____ Grade: _____

Other schools attended in past 2 years: _____

Mother's Name or Legal Guardian: _____

Mother's Address: _____

Mother's Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Father's Name or Legal Guardian: _____

Father's Address: _____

Father's Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

ACADEMICS (If necessary, use an additional sheet of paper and attach to application)

Current cumulative grade point average: weighted GPA _____ non-weighted GPA _____

Please list any academic awards or honors that you have received in the past four years of school and tell which grade you were in.

ACTIVITIES (If necessary, use an additional sheet of paper and attach to application)

List your memberships in any school clubs, organizations, or athletic activities during the past four years. Tell which grade you were in and any leadership positions you held:

List your community service activities or involvement in community groups from the past four years (church groups, volunteer work, etc) Indicate which years and any leadership roles that you had.

List any work experience you have had. Be sure to include the name of the business, your job and the time period you held this job. (Example: Cashier @ Kroger of Carrollton/June-Oct.2008)

TELL US WHY...

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain **why you would like to go** on the Washington Youth Tour and **the reason that you should be chosen** for this trip. This should be typed or neatly handwritten. Recommended length: minimum 300 words to maximum 600 words.

This is an important part of the application, so don't forget!

PARENT (LEGAL GUARDIAN) & STUDENT AFFIRMATION

We affirm that (1) all information provided on this application is correct, (2) the parent has given permission for the student to enter this contest and to participate in the Youth Tour should he/she win, and (3) the student agrees to participate in the Youth Tour on the scheduled dates should he/she win.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Recommendations

Please have two faculty members or administrators from your present school (counselor, teacher, principal, or assistant principal) comment as to why you should be considered as a Youth Tour delegate.

Reference 1:

Signature

Title

Date

Reference 2:

Signature

Title

Date

Washington Youth Tour Information

The Washington Youth Tour, the state's oldest youth leadership program, was created from extemporaneous comments made by then-Senator Lyndon Johnson as he addressed the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in Chicago in 1957. "If one thing goes out of this meeting," the Senator declared, "I hope it will be sending youngsters to the national capitol where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents." Beginning that year, some of the Texas Electric Cooperatives sent groups of young people to Washington, D.C. to work during the summer in Senator Johnson's office to learn about government in action.

Carroll EMC will be sending two high school students from our service area on this exciting, all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. These two teenagers will join dozens of students from other electric cooperatives in Georgia to represent our state in the Washington Youth Tour, an annual event that brings more than 1,400 young people from across the country to our nation's capital.

Youth Tour events for Georgia's participants will begin with a kickoff banquet for the students and their parents on June 10, 2010. That will be followed by a day full of activities for the Georgia students before they fly to Washington. Youth Tour highlights typically include visiting the U.S. Capitol, Holocaust Museum, Smithsonian Institution, U.S. Supreme Court, and whenever possible, the White House. Other stops could include the National Cathedral and Arlington Cemetery as well as the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War memorials and the Lincoln, Jefferson and FDR memorials. The students are also treated to a riverboat cruise on the Potomac, always a popular event.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to meet state and national leaders and gain a better understanding of how our government works. Participants will also be involved in leadership-building activities and will have the opportunity to interact with students from across Georgia and across the United States.

The Youth Tour is fun, fast-paced, well-organized and packed full of activities. The tour directors are two employees of our statewide organization, Georgia EMC. They do a terrific job of planning and organizing the entire trip. Several EMC employees and their spouses from across the state volunteer to serve as chaperones. Two teacher chaperones are chosen each year as well.

THE SELECTION OF DELEGATES

The deadline to apply for the Washington Youth Tour is **March 1, 2010**. A panel of judges (comprised of former Youth Tour chaperones and Youth Tour coordinators) will review the applications to select our finalists. Students who are chosen as finalists will be invited to an interview the week of March 15-19. The final selection of our delegates is determined by the combined scores of the application and interview process.