



Attention: High School Juniors NRECA Youth Tour Scholarship Guidelines and Criteria

Overview: In addition to the four scholarships for continuing education to Lane Community College that Lane Electric currently offers, we are offering the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Tour to this school year's High School Juniors.

Lane Electric and the NRECA Youth Tour

No stranger to NRECA, Lane Electric participated in the NRECA Youth Tour during the 1980's, sending a number of students to Washington, D.C., with other students from Oregon. The tour has brought high school juniors and seniors to Washington, D.C. every June since the late 1950s. Each year, students across the country compete for this unique opportunity and are selected by their local electric cooperative. Typically, the selection process takes the form of an essay contest, personal interviews or a speech contest.

This year's NRECA Youth Tour will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia from June 15 to 22, 2012.

While in Washington, D. C., students learn about electric cooperatives, American history and U.S. government and walk away with a greater understanding of their role as a citizen. They participate in National Youth Day, visit with their representative and senators and explore the sights around the nation's capital.

Students travel with students from their state and will interact with other students their age from across the nation.

Due to a potential conflict of interest, employees and their family members, Board members and their family members, and members of the Selection Committee and members of their families are not eligible to apply for Lane Electric's scholarships.

Application Criteria: When applying for the NRECA Youth Tour Scholarship, applications can be obtained from the counselor's office at the local high schools (*in the case of junior-class applicants*) or from Lane Electric. Applications are also available on the Lane Electric website: www.laneelectric.com/scholarships. When you have received an application, be sure to read it completely. ***If all of the requirements listed below are not included in your final submission, the application is incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.***

Interested applicants will:

- Submit a **completed** application packet which is available via:
 - Our website, www.laneelectric.com
 - The U. S. mail at: PO Box 21410, Eugene, Oregon 97402
 - E-mail to: comment.question@laneelectric.com or
 - FAX at: 541-484-7316
 - High school counselor offices
- Submit a brief letter of introduction describing your attitude, your personal goals and where you see yourself in 5 and 10 years.
- Submit an essay (*500 words or less*) about what an electric cooperative is, how it is different from an investor-owned utility, why you should be selected as Lane Electric's 2012 Youth Tour delegate and what you hope to learn by the experience.
- A minimum of two letters of recommendation from teachers and/or staff or personal references.

REMINDER: If any of the above items are missing, your application will be considered incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.

Application Criteria:

Your application should include statements about, but not limited to, the following:

- Scholastic Ability
- Future Goals
- School Activities
- Community Involvement
- Citizenship
- Moral & Ethical Attitude and Conduct
- The Value of Public Power and Electric Cooperatives

Interview: Final applicants need to be available so the scholarship committee is able to interview them, in person, at Lane Electric's headquarters facility at 787 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, Oregon 97402. Applicants will be notified of the day, date and time once all applications have been received, reviewed and scored.

Selection: The scholarship committee may be made up of but is not limited to the following:

- Lane Electric's Scholarship Committee or entire board.
- The decision of the scholarship committee is final.
- All applicants will be notified by mail.

Duties: Below are some of the duties, responsibilities and guidelines relevant to the scholarship recipients.

- Scholarship recipients may be asked to attend the following functions to be recognized: commencement exercises, awards ceremonies, district and / or member meetings, etc.

If for any reason, the primary candidate fails to register for continuing education an alternate may be awarded the scholarship. If no alternates are available, designated funds shall revert back into Lane Electric's scholarship fund.

Deadline for Application:

Applications and the required information must be received at Lane Electric's headquarters, located at 787 Bailey Hill Road / PO Box 21410, Eugene, no later than **5:00 PM on February 29, 2012.**

REMINDER: If all of the requirements are not included in a candidate's submission, the application is incomplete and the applicant will not be considered for an interview.

Tour Rules and Guidelines for Participants

Rules for students participating in the Rural Electric Youth Tour are based on respect for one another. Students must understand that they are representing their cooperative, their community, their state, and NRECA while on Youth Tour.

Participating in Youth Tour is a privilege, and students must follow some simple rules while on the Tour. These rules will be in effect from their departure until their arrival back home at the end of the program.

Infractions of any of these rules will result in the immediate dismissal of the student from the program. In the event of such a dismissal, the student's parents or guardians and school will be notified, the student will be sent home at his or her own expense, and no payments will be refunded.

Listed below are general rules which students are expected to follow. Students will receive a comprehensive list of rules, including proper dress code for each day, from their State Youth Tour Director as the tour gets closer.

- At no time are male students allowed to visit female students' rooms, and vice versa.
- Students are forbidden to possess and/or use alcoholic beverages.
- Students are forbidden to possess and/or use drugs other than those prescribed for them by a doctor.
- Students are forbidden to possess and/or use firearms or weapons of any kind.
- Students are forbidden to possess and/or use any tobacco products.
- Students are forbidden to abuse or deface facilities, and are forbidden to abuse, deface, or steal property.
- Students are forbidden to possess and/or use laser pointers of any kind.
- Students will cooperate with their Tour Director, chaperones and NRECA Staff at all times.
- Non-Youth Tour participants are forbidden from entering student rooms without prior consent from their chaperone(s).
- Participants may not leave the hotel or the tour group for any reason unless accompanied by a chaperone.

Compliance, Participation and Conduct

- Students are expected to comply with all local, state, and federal laws.
- Students are required to participate in all scheduled daily events unless excused by the program nurse.
- Students are required to be in their assigned rooms by 11:00 p.m. each night unless otherwise directed by their State Tour Director. Chaperones, including NRECA staff, will check to ensure that all students are in their rooms.
- Students are expected to behave in a mature manner in the hotel. They should conduct themselves appropriately at all times by keeping down noise levels, allowing others to pass in halls, not blocking the lobby areas, and not crowding the elevators. Students should remember the golden rule of treating other people and other people's property with respect. Participants will be held financially responsible for any damage to their rooms.
- Rules and policies will be strictly enforced. Students who do not wish to observe these rules should not participate in the Youth Tour program. Chaperones are expected to enforce these rules and policies for all students, whether or not a student is from their respective group.

Lane Electric's representative will travel with other students from Oregon as well as chaperones which could include parents, teachers, and electric co-op employees. While in Washington, students will experience history first-hand by visiting monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, and by meeting their representative and senators.

Tour Rules and Guidelines for Participants

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Weather and Dress Expectations

Washington weather in June is unpredictable. It could be hot and humid, and rain is always a possibility. Be sure to check out the [National Weather Service's web site](#) for more information on the weather forecast for Washington.

Keep in mind that the Tour involves a great deal of walking. Comfortable shoes are a must. We strongly advise participants to wear sturdy shoes that are already broken in.

Dress is generally casual, but should show respect for the institutions and memorials that participants will be visiting. No short shorts, cut-offs, torn clothing, or questionable T-shirts, please! Professional dress is expected for Capitol Hill Day. The State tour director and an itinerary will be identified once the selection has been made. Students may contact the director for dress code details and information about specific events.

Attach A Current
Photo Here

2012 Youth Tour Application

*To qualify, parents and/or guardians of
applicant must be members in good
standing with Lane Electric.*



Student's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Preferred Name (Nick Name): _____

T-Shirt Size: Small Medium
 Large X-Large
 XX-Large Other
Please specify: _____

Street Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent / Guardian's Name: _____

LEC Account No: _____

High School You Attend: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please list your current classes:

Please list your current activities, sports, clubs, etc:

Please list your hobbies and community activities:

Please list any school leadership experience:

What are your plans after high school?

On a separate piece of paper, in 500 words or less, please respond to the following statements:

- What is an electric cooperative and how is it different from an investor-owned utility?**
- Why I should be selected as Lane Electric's 2012 Youth Tour delegate and what I hope to learn by the experience.**

I understand that selection of the candidate will be based on:

- Content and neatness of the application and essay
- Selection will be made based on the essay and an interview. (time yet to be determined), at Lane Electric's office, 787 Bailey Hill Road, Eugene, OR

If selected as Lane Electric's delegate, I agree to:

- Be available to attend the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. June 15-19, 2012 (all expenses paid except spending money)
- Attend one or more of Lane Electric's District meetings in September/October, 2012
- Write a 300-400 word recap of my tour experiences for Lane Electric's *Ruralite* magazine. (submitted no later than July 10, 2012)

Applicant's Statement:

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read all of the information provided, and understand the rules and that my application and essay must be received at Lane Electric Cooperative, Inc. no later than **5:00 PM on February 29, 2012** or I will not be considered as a candidate.

I understand that if I am selected as the NRECA Youth Tour delegate, and for some unforeseen reason not able to fulfill my obligation, I must notify Lane Electric immediately so that an alternate may be considered.

I also understand and agree that if I am selected as the NRECA Youth Tour delegate, Lane Electric has my permission to publish my name and photograph in the *Ruralite* magazine, on their website, etc., as part of the notification process to the membership.

Member and Parent or Legal Guardian Statement:

I am a member and/or parent or legal dependent of the above applicant and the information they have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Required Signatures:

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Return Applications To:
Lane Electric Cooperative
787 Bailey Hill Road / P. O. Box 21410
Eugene, Oregon 97402**

REMEMBER: Make sure to review the "Application Criteria" section and your application. If you have not completed and do not submit all of the requirements listed under "Application Criteria", your application is incomplete and you will not be considered for an interview.