

Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative Offers **FREE** Trip to Washington D.C. For Three High School Juniors

- WHO:** Current high school juniors (11th graders)
- WHAT:** An *expense paid* six-day fun and educational trip to Washington, D.C., with more than 1,500 high school juniors from across the United States. Participants will get the opportunity to meet their legislators in the House and Senate, tour historic sites and meet other students from far and near. Some of the sites that will be visited are: The U.S. Capitol, The Smithsonian, Arlington National Cemetery, The Jefferson Memorial, The Lincoln Memorial, The Washington Monument, Mount Vernon, The Pentagon, The World War II Memorial, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and a river boat cruise down the Potomac. Students will also enjoy some of the best restaurants and entertainment D.C. has to offer!
- WHEN:** **Saturday, June 10 - Thursday, June 15, 2017**
- WHERE:** Washington Youth Tour participants will depart from one or more South Carolina airports to Washington, D.C. Participants will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to the airport.
- HOW:** Interested high school juniors must fill out an application form. Applications are available from your high school guidance counselor, by calling 1-800-240-3400, or by accessing our website at www.blueridge.coop. If selected, applicants must complete a personal interview. Three winners will be selected from interview applicants. Youth Tour participants are also eligible to compete for a \$5,000 scholarship.
- DEADLINES:** Applications must be postmarked or faxed by **Monday, February 6**. Applicants will be notified by letter if they are selected for an interview. Personal interviews are *required* and will begin around 1:00 p.m. and continue through the afternoon on **Wednesday, February 22**. Applications may be mailed, faxed, or sent as an email attachment to:

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**Blue Ridge Electric
Washington Youth Tour 2017
Checklist**

Please Return:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Activities/School and Non-School
- ✓ Personal Introduction
- ✓ Two References

Blue Ridge Electric Washington Youth Tour
June 10-15, 2017

Application must be e-mailed or postmarked by: Monday, February 6.

NOTE: Please type or print application neatly in black ink and fill it out COMPLETELY.

Full

Name: _____

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Nickname or Name You Prefer to Be

Called: _____

Mailing

Address: _____

E-Mail

Address: _____

Home Phone #: _____ **Your Cell Phone**

#: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Circle your T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL**

Place of Birth (city, county, state,

country): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Names: _____

U. S. Congressional District and

Representative: _____

School

Name: _____

School

Address: _____

_____ School

Grade: _____

Guidance Counselor's

Name: _____

Principal's

Name: _____

Interview: Personal interviews are *required* and will begin around 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22. What time of day is most convenient for your interview?

*Please note: Interviews will **ONLY** be held on this date. Requests for interview times are scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will try whenever possible to honor your request, but **cannot guarantee** you will receive the time you requested.*

References: Please submit two references with your application. *One of these references must be from a teacher.* Note the "Personal Reference Instructions" included with your application forms.

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School and Non-School Activities Form

On one sheet of paper, please type or neatly handwrite the following information:

- 1) **List the school activities you are involved in.** Include any elected positions, special honors, awards, and accomplishments from your high school career (class officer, plays, athletics, music, etc.)

- 2) **List any non-school activities you're involved in such as church, community, or service organizations. Please include years of participation and any awards, honors or other accomplishments you've received.**

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Introduce Yourself to Blue Ridge Electric...

On one sheet of paper, please type or neatly handwrite your answers.

- 1) Why are you interested in going on this trip and how do you hope to benefit from it?

- 2) What would you like us to know about you?

- 3) What are your plans after high school?

- 4) Have you ever been to Washington D.C. before? If your answer is yes, why are you interested in going again?

- 5) Do you have any conflicts or potential conflicts with the dates for the Washington Youth Tour/June 10-15, 2017 (Boy's State, Girl's State, job, or other)? The flight from GSP will depart early Saturday morning, June 10.

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Personal Reference Instructions

Two references are required. One reference must be from a teacher. Please do not use your parents as a reference. All references will remain strictly confidential.

References should include the following information:

1. Student's name.
2. Your relationship to this student.
3. How long you have known this student.
4. Why you feel this student would be a good ambassador for Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative on the Washington Youth Tour.