



2024 Government in Action Youth Tour Contest

Sponsored by Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative

Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative holds a contest each year to select a participant for Texas Electric Cooperatives Government in Action Youth Tour. The trip is an extremely special one. By tradition and intent, the tour is set up to give youth an in-depth look at the nation's capital. Each participant will have the opportunity to meet their Legislator, tour dozens of interesting sites and learn a great deal about history, government and electric cooperatives.

Those who have taken the trip say what really makes it special are the relationships they build with other outstanding young people from around the state.

Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative sponsors and pays travel expenses (\$3,950) including meals and lodging. Winners need only money for snacks, souvenirs and personal items.

Contest Guidelines:

Eligible participants must be in high school. Students must live in a home currently served by Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative and his/her parent(s) or guardian must be a GCEC member with an active account.

Entrants can either email, mail or deliver the essay to the Cooperative office by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9, 2024. The essay must be an original composition by the student with the length of at least 500 words (typed and doubled spaced). The topic this year is: *"How do you feel **your** electric cooperative helps communities."* Also, there will be a meet and greet of the top applicants following interviews and selection. Date and time to be determined. It's that easy!

Each packet that is submitted for consideration should include the application, essay, picture, along with two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should be written by someone not related to the applicant (i.e. teacher, counselor, youth leader, mentor, etc.)

A panel of qualified judges will select the finalists. The winners will be awarded the trip to Washington.

High School Students who are interested in entering the contest, have questions or who would like more information should contact Savanna Chandler at Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative, 903.482.7198 or schandler@gcec.net

2024 Youth Tour Contest Application

Name: _____

Parents or Guardian name: _____

GCEC Account Number # _____

Address (complete): _____

Parents Telephone: _____

High School: _____

Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Size preference for T-shirt (Circle One): M L XL XXL

All essays submitted become the property of Grayson-Collin Electric Cooperative

2024 YOUTH TOUR TENTATIVE AGENDA

June 16-23, 2024

You are going to love the schedule!

Includes the following highlights:

Scheduled appointments with their congressman

Visit to the Capitol

Supreme Court and the Library of Congress

Washington National Cathedral

George Washington's home at Mount Vernon

Smithsonian Institution and Holocaust Memorial Museum

Jefferson, Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt memorials

Vietnam, World War II and Korean memorials

Washington Monument

Performance at the Kennedy Center

Potomac River Dinner Boat Cruise

Iwo Jima Parade

The Smithsonian's National Zoo