



Empire Electric Association, Inc.

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EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. Application Requirements for Youth Trips

The Board of Directors of Empire Electric Association, Inc. is offering all-expense-paid trips to educate deserving high school juniors in the area served by the Association.

Students chosen for this program will be introduced to the electric cooperative network either through touring the nation's capital or while staying in Clark, Colorado near Steamboat Springs at a leadership camp. Participants will come away with a better understanding of the state and national governments, local electric cooperatives, the Colorado Rural Electric Association, Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association, Inc. and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Consideration will be given to your interest in the electric cooperative, character, personal goals and desire to obtain leadership skills without regard to race, creed, color, sex or religious beliefs. **Only completed applications will be considered. Student must have proof of full COVID vaccine if selected for Washington DC Youth Tour. If selected for Youth Leadership Camp, student will be required to show a negative COVID test taken three days or less before camp begins or proof of vaccine.**

Participation requirements:

- **Age Requirement** - Student must be enrolled as a junior in high school and 16 years of age by January 1st or currently hold the status equivalent to junior in home-based schools or academies at the application deadline.
- **Proof of Membership** - Applicant's parents or legal guardians must have a residential or business account with Empire Electric and account must be registered in one or both names. A copy of the applicant's parents' or legal guardians' EEA bill must accompany the application for verification of service.
- **Content** - Applicant must submit a typed essay about what they want to gain by participating in this program. Entries will be judged on sincerity of content and any optional creative medium content.
- **Selection** - Judging and selection will be made by a committee composed of board members, administration and selected staff members of EEA. If an applicant is an immediate family member of a committee member, the committee member will abstain from participating in that year's selection.

To be considered, a completed hard copy application must be returned to EEA's main office at 801 N. Broadway, P. O. Box K, Cortez, CO 81321 no later than 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021. Or please visit www.eea.coop to fill out an on-line application.

2022 Dates for the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, D. C. - June 12th to 19th

2022 Dates for the CEEI Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs - July 16th to 21th

**EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
YOUTH TRIP APPLICATION**

Legal Name: _____ / _____
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Preferred first name if different)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: Code _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

School: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Grade Level: _____

Gender: Male Female **EEA Account:** _____
(Located on attached monthly billing statement)

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Extracurricular Activities - academics, sports, etc. : _____

Volunteer Activities: _____

Hobbies & Special Interests: _____

Future Plans: _____

Applicant must submit a typed paragraph telling us about yourself and what you would like to gain by participating in this program. Entries will be judged on sincerity of content and any other optional creative medium content. Applicants are encouraged to submit drawings, photography, collage, a DVD/thumb drive, power point or other creative medium to supplement the required paragraph telling us about you and your expectations.

****PLEASE INCLUDE A WALLET SIZE PICTURE WITH THIS APPLICATION****

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

DEADLINE: December 13, 2021
Return to: Empire Electric Association, Inc.
ATTENTION: Youth Trips
P.O. Box K, Cortez, CO 81321