

**2025 YOUTH TOUR**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 16 – SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025**  
**(NEW MEXICO CAPITOL DAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025)**



## **YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION**

The following Youth Tour forms must be completed by the individual chosen by their electric cooperative to participate in the 2025 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Selected participants should ensure these forms are completed and returned by Friday, February 28, 2025, to:

**New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.**  
**ATTN: Evelyn Vigil**  
**614 Don Gaspar Avenue**  
**Santa Fe, NM 87505**

The Youth Tour website link is as follows:  
<https://www.nmelectric.coop/youth-tour-2024>

- Applications for the Youth Tour received after the deadline may not be reviewed or could disqualify the applicant. The Youth Tour requires substantial preparation, and late submissions can disrupt the process, potentially impacting the availability of airline tickets and hotel reservations.
- If you are selected but cannot attend the Youth Tour due to other commitments, please inform your sponsoring electric cooperative by Friday, April 14, 2025, to avoid any potential cancellation fees.

## **CONTEST RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

To qualify for the Youth Tour contest, students must:

- Be a high school sophomore, junior, or senior.
- Be a dependent of an active New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative member and reside within the cooperative's service area.
- Submit a completed Youth Tour application by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 28, 2025, to their respective electric cooperative.

## **WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR – STUDENT INFORMATION**

Electric Cooperative: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street or P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex (M or F): \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of Birth (City, State): \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt Size: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_  
Vegetarian: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medications: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Insurance Policy Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) – List the full names of your natural parents, stepparents, and/or legal guardians:

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stepmother: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stepfather: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Guardian (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
With whom do you live? \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street or P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Completed (Last Year): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average (Last Year): \_\_\_\_\_  
Major Study Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a list of the activities you participated in during high school, along with any special honors or recognitions you received? This might include roles such as class officer, involvement in theater or music, participation in sports, and other relevant experiences.

ACTIVITY	YEARS	REMARKS

List extracurricular activities and years of involvement in which you have participated, such as 4-H, FHA, FFA, church, community, service clubs, etc.

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List any public speaking and writing experience, such as school newspaper, yearbook, etc.

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**PARENTAL RELEASE/CONSENT FOR TREATMENT OF MINOR**

We the undersigned parents/guardians, desiring that our child/ward, \_\_\_\_\_, shall have the opportunity to participate in the NMRECA Youth Tour on June 16-21, 2025, sponsored by the New Mexico Association of Electric Cooperatives (NMREC), do consent to our child/ward participating in such trip and further authorize NMREC through its chaperones, to direct and supervise our child/ward.

**MEDICAL RELEASE:**

We the undersigned parents/guardians of the above-named child/ward, recognize that there will be occasions when we are unavailable to consent to medical treatment for our child/ward. We are aware that there could be a time when our child/ward might be in immediate need of medical treatment to relieve pain or to begin the healing process even though his/her life might not be in danger.

It is our desire that our child/ward receive whatever medical treatment may be necessary for his/her well-being and comfort, we hereby authorize NMRECA, and the chaperones, to give such consent as may be necessary for the well-being of the minor child, including consenting to any care or treatment to treat a physical condition; or consent to our child/ward receiving hospital care and to receive and review any medical information regarding dais minor child/ward. **PARENTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT RENDERED FOR OR ON BEHALF OF THEIR MINOR CHILD/WARD.**

I hereby release NMRECA and any of its member cooperatives, their trustees, directors, officers, agents, employees and customers, and appointed advertising agencies, their directors, officers, agents, and employees from causes of action, claims, damages, costs, expenses, compensation, personal injury, property loss, or any other loss or injury received or incurred by our child/ward during his/her participation in the NMRECA Youth Tour.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:**

List all your child's/ward's medical information regarding existing conditions and drug allergies.

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No medical conditions or drug allergies exist.

**PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THE FRONT AND THE BACK OF THE INSURANCE AND THE PRESCRIPTION CARD.**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (Street or P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to child/ward: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's Name & Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Insurance Policy Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Insurance Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTAL RELEASE/CONSENT FOR PHOTO RELEASE FORM**

**PHOTO RELEASE:**

I further consent to the reproduction and/or authorization by NMRECA to reproduce and use any photographs and recordings for use in print and digital media in all domestic and foreign markets.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street or P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to child/ward: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Please provide the names and phone numbers of two individuals, other than your parents or guardians, who can be contacted in case of an emergency.

Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Home Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Name: _____	Relationship: _____
Home Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____

**2025 YOUTH TOUR  
NOTARY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

State of New Mexico

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024/2025.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROCEDURE**

From time to time, medical attention is required to treat illnesses or accidents. When possible, an emergency medical technician is included as an adult leader on the Tour to administer first aid treatment or to secure more appropriate medical assistance if needed. A registered nurse, hired by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour program, is on duty at the hotel in Washington, D.C. Arrangements for emergency medical attention have been made at a nearby hospital. A physician has been retained to make “house calls” at the hotel. The doctor can treat minor emergencies and write prescriptions, thereby eliminating trips to the emergency room.

When a youth requires medical attention, a chaperone accompanies the student to the nurse on duty or to the hospital. If the youth is under 18 years of age, the hospital is required to contact a parent or legal guardian in order to obtain permission to render assistance. If an adult cannot be reached, the hospital obtains legal permission from a local judge (this is a common practice and is not an arduous procedure). The signed Parent’s Consent Form provides immediate access to medical attention, but the telephone call is still made.

The Youth Tour insurance is for medical expenses pertaining to accidents (sprains, broken bones, head injuries, etc.), and colds, flu and diseases occurring during the Tour. **It is important that the names of your family’s insurance company and policy number are included on the Personal Data Form. Parents or guardians of participants are liable for medical expenses incurred which are not covered by the Tour’s insurance policy.**

If a youth experiences an accident or illness that may cause a need for being incapacitated for a lengthy period, the Tour Director will notify the parents/legal guardians to discuss the incident. If appropriate, arrangements for transportation home will be made, with travel reimbursement due New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Inc.

Youth Tour participants should report any illness immediately to a chaperone. Often we can “nip an ailment in the bud” with early treatment.

### **COMMON SENSE**

We have only a few guidelines for our Youth Tour, but they’re important to ensure everything runs smoothly. Here are some reminders:

- **Guideline 1:** Be punctual for all appointments. Try not to be the reason for delays.
- **Guideline 2:** Report any damage in your hotel room immediately to the Tour Director. Provide the room number so they can notify the hotel management.
- **Guideline 3:** Enjoy souvenirs but keep them out of the hotel rooms. Do not take anything from your assigned room that belongs to the hotel or others.

- **Guideline 4:** Be considerate and avoid causing embarrassment. Socialize in common areas like hallways or the pool, not in other people's rooms.
  - **Guideline 5:** Always travel in groups of at least three, especially in Washington, D.C. Never leave the group without informing your chaperones first.
  - **Guideline 6:** Double-check your room before checking out to make sure nothing is left behind. Once we've left, we cannot return for forgotten items.
  - **Guideline 7:** Keep track of your purse or wallet at all times. Carry your money securely to prevent loss or theft. If needed, your chaperones can hold some of your money for you.
  - **Guideline 8:** Boys, please assist with carrying heavy luggage. Ensure your suitcases weigh less than 50 pounds each and pack only what you can handle in one trip.
  - **Guideline 9:** If you're unsure about anything, ASK! Any additional details not covered here will be addressed in our orientation meeting. Prepare your questions so we can resolve any issues and focus on having fun.
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## YOUTH TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT

Here are the rules for our Youth Tour program:

- **Substances and Weapons:** Youth Tour participants are not allowed to possess or use alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or any weapons (including firearms, fireworks, knives, etc.).
- **Respect:** All Youth Tour participants must be attentive, respectful, and courteous to fellow participants, chaperones, staff, and speakers. Always consider the rights and feelings of others.
- **Nametags:** Youth Tour participants must wear their nametags at all times unless directed otherwise by staff or chaperones.
- **Participation:** Youth Tour participants should fully engage in all scheduled activities.



- **Property Care:** Handle both public and private property with care and respect at all times.
- **Hotel Rules:** After room checks, participants must stay in their assigned rooms until the next morning's first activity. Youth Tour participants are not allowed in rooms of the opposite sex.
- **Traveling:** Youth Tour participants must not leave the hotel without a chaperone and must travel in groups of three or more at all times. Solo travel is prohibited.
- **Sightseeing:** When sightseeing without direct supervision from a chaperone, Youth Tour participants must return to the designated meeting point by the time specified by the Youth Tour director.
- **Safety Reporting:** Report any dangerous activities or statements by other Youth Tour participants to the Youth Tour director immediately.
- **Legal Compliance:** Youth Tour participants who break local, state, or federal laws will be handed over to the appropriate legal authorities.
- **Dress Code:** Follow the dress code outlined in the initial correspondence from the Youth Tour director. Dresses, walking shorts, and skirts are allowed, provided they are no more than 3.5 inches above the knee. Short shorts are not permitted.
- **Instructions:** Adhere to all verbal instructions given by the Youth Tour director, staff, and chaperones.
- **Consequences:** Youth Tour participants who do not follow these rules may be sent home at the discretion of the Youth Tour director, with all associated costs being the responsibility of their parent(s) or guardian(s).

## 2025 YOUTH TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have read, understand, and accept the attached “**Code of Conduct**” and that I/we have discussed it with my/our son/daughter.

I/we further understand and agree that if, in the opinion of the tour director, my/our son/daughter fails to abide by the attached code of conduct, he/she will be sent home via public transportation in the most expeditious fashion possible at my/our expense. If my/our son/daughter is sent home in this manner, I/we agree to reimburse New Mexico Electric Cooperatives, Inc. for any such expenses incurred.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed at (City) \_\_\_\_\_, New Mexico, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Month) \_\_\_\_\_, 2024/2025.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and accept the attached “**Code of Conduct**” and that I have discussed it with my parent(s) and/or guardian(s).

I further understand and agree that if, in the opinion of the tour director, I fail to abide by the attached code of conduct, I will be sent home via public transportation in the most expeditious fashion possible at the expense of my parent(s) and/or guardian(s).

Youth Tour Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed at (City) \_\_\_\_\_, New Mexico, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Month) \_\_\_\_\_, 2024/2025.

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NOTARY PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

State of New Mexico

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024/2025.

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

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My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT RELEASE**

Selection for the Youth Tour will be made based on merit without regard to race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, or physical handicap. Those chosen to represent their electric cooperative as Youth Tour delegates must travel with their state delegation for the entire tour. Delegates are not permitted to travel independently to, from, or during the trip to Washington, D.C., except in emergencies. In such cases, arrangements must be approved and coordinated through the NMREC organization. If a delegate cannot participate in the entire Youth Tour, they will forfeit their spot and be replaced by an alternate.

I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete. I authorize the release of information to verify this application and consent to the use of my name and photos for announcements related to Youth Tour awards.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL  
OBLIGATIONS FOR 2025-2026**

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CONFERENCE  
DATE AND LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER TIME**

**NRECA POWERXCHANGE CONFERENCE  
ATLANTA, GA  
MARCH 7 – 12, 2025**

**NMRECA ANNUAL MEETING  
EVENT SITE TO BE DETERMINED END OF MAY 2025**

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

In 1976, the NRECA board of directors established the Youth Consulting Board (YCB). This board was restructured in 1998 and is now known as the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council (YLC).

The YLC was created by rural electric cooperatives, state associations, and NRECA to enhance youth engagement within the Youth Tour program. Each participating state is entitled to one representative on the YLC. These representatives are chosen by statewide Youth Tour directors through various methods, and new YLC members are announced annually during the Youth Day program in Washington, D.C.

The YLC aims to develop participants' leadership and presentation skills and provide a deeper understanding of rural electric cooperatives. YLC members attend the NRECA Youth Leadership Conference and the NRECA Annual Meeting. Additionally, selected YLC members from host states present their Youth Tour experiences at NRECA Regional meetings.

The NRECA Youth Leadership Conference, held each summer after the Youth Tour, features hands-on activities that promote individual leadership development. Participants choose a spokesperson to address the NRECA Annual Meeting and the upcoming Youth Tour delegates.

The NRECA Annual Meeting, which attracts over 13,000 rural electric members each year, is hosted in various major cities across the country. YLC members assist NRECA staff during the meeting, attend educational seminars, and engage in various programs. They have the opportunity to meet influential individuals, including elected officials, NRECA's board of directors, the CEO, and administrative staff.

### **NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (NRECA) YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM New Mexico**

**The Youth Leadership Council is a separate application that must be completed in full; incomplete forms will result in disqualification from the application process.**

**Youth Leadership Council Conference  
Date and Location to be Announced at a Later Time**

**NRECA PowerXChange Conference to be Held in Nashville, TN, March 6-11, 2026**

**NMRECA Annual Meeting, Event Site and Date to be Determined, End of June 2025**

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (Street or P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex (M or F): \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Place of Birth (City, State): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 T-shirt Size: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents/Guardians Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City and Airport Closest to Your Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approximate Driving Time to Airport: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Local Newspaper (Name and City): \_\_\_\_\_

**COOPERATIVE INFORMATION**

Electric Cooperative: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (Street or P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address (Street or P.O. Box): \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ School Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade Completed (Last Year): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average (Last Year): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major Study Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a list of the activities you participated in during high school, along with any special honors or recognitions you received? This might include roles such as class officer, involvement in theater or music, participation in sports, and other relevant experiences.

ACTIVITY	YEARS	REMARKS
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**2025 YOUTH TOUR  
WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AT TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER**

Arlington National Cemetery, located in Arlington, Virginia, is a military cemetery established during the Civil War. It serves as the final resting place for over 400,000 individuals, including soldiers, veterans, and their families. Notable features include the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, which honors unidentified service members, and the Kennedy gravesite, where President John F. Kennedy and his family are buried. The cemetery is a site of solemn reflection, historical significance, and national reverence, reflecting the sacrifices made by those who served the United States.

**APPLICATION FOR WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

Please complete this form if you are interested in being considered to lay a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.





## 2025 Youth Tour Delegate Application Checklist

- Is the application typed or clearly printed and easy to read?
- Have you included your mailing address?
- Is your Social Security Number included? (Required to purchase airline tickets)
- Is your email address clear and accurate?
- Have you listed all phone numbers for your parent(s)/guardian(s)?
- Have you indicated "With whom do you live"?
- Is the "Emergency Contact" information filled out correctly? (This should not include your parent(s)/guardian(s).)
- Have you included all phone numbers for your emergency contacts?
- Did you attach a copy of the essay submitted to the cooperative?
- Have you uploaded a digital photograph? (Do not send a photocopy. Email a high-resolution jpeg image to your sponsoring electric cooperative Youth Tour coordinator.)
- Did you attach a copy of your Medical Insurance Card? (Required)
- Does the insurance card list your name as an insured individual?
- Are all Notary Public Acknowledgment forms signed and sealed?
- If applying for the Youth Leadership Council, have you completed the YLC application in full?
- If applying for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, have you filled out the application completely?