



Washington Youth Tour – 2019 Canoochee EMC Essay Contest Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Home Phone _____

E-Mail address _____

Age _____ Birth date (MM/DD/YY) _____

School Name & Address _____

List any School Activities:





Student's Commitment to Participate:

I have read the rules and understand the requirements to be eligible to participate in the Washington Youth Tour. If I am chosen as one of the winners, I am hereby committing to clear my calendar of all other obligations and represent Canoochee EMC on the Washington Youth Tour unless sickness or other exceptional circumstances occur.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Authorization to Participate:

I have given my child permission to enter the Canoochee EMC Washington Youth Tour Essay Contest and to participate in the Washington Youth Tour should he/she be selected as a winner. I understand that the dates of the tour are **June 13-20** and that my child will be spending the first day in Atlanta and then flying to Washington, D.C. for the remainder of the week.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Attach both pages of the application to the front of your essay and either mail to the following address, or bring it to the Reidsville office by the deadline, **February 18, 2019.**

Attn: Joseph Sikes
Canoochee EMC
P.O. Box 487
Reidsville, GA 30453



Canoochee EMC WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR RULES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The contest is open to High School JUNIORS, from both public and private schools within Canoochee EMC's service area. These schools include: Bryan County High School, Claxton High School, Faith Baptist Christian School, Long County High School, Pinewood Christian Academy and Tattnall County High School. Students not attending these schools whose parents are members of Canoochee EMC are also eligible.
- Participants must be 16 years old by June 1, 2019.
- Participants need to fill out an application and sign their commitment to participate, and then have a parent or guardian sign the authorization portion.
- **Participants must submit a 500-750 word essay on one of the topic choices provided. The essay must be typed and the student's name should NOT appear anywhere on the essay. The application, with the student's name and contact information, should be stapled to the front of the essay.**
- The essays will be graded a group of non-biased retired educators. As previously stated, the students names will not appear on the essays, so the instructor will not know who has written the essay.
- The essays are judged on subject knowledge, originality, composition, neatness and grammar.
- Reference material may be found in the local library or via the internet. ***Be sure to cite any sources that are used for research.**
- The deadline for submitting essays is February 18, 2019 and they must be sent to **Joe Sikes** by mail at **Canoochee EMC: P.O. Box 487 - Reidsville, GA 30453**, or you may bring them by the Reidsville office during regular working hours; 8-5:30 Mon-Thurs or 8-5:00 Fri.
- **The winners of the essay contest will then be invited for an interview, which will be judged by non Canoochee EMC employees.**
- Four winners will be chosen for the Youth Tour along with one alternate.
- After the winners are chosen, they will have their picture taken at Canoochee to be printed along with an article in the Georgia Magazine and local newspapers.
- Winners will receive a cash award before the Youth Tour.



Canoochee EMC's Essay Contest

TOPICS

Choose one of the following topics:

The Washington Youth Tour is a very important leadership oriented educational journey that EMC's have embraced for decades. Please discuss what leadership means to you, and how you expect to utilize this trip and become a better leader?

Green Power EMC was Georgia's first clean energy utility, created by Electric Cooperatives to fulfill the needs of the EMC members all over the state. Over a decade later, nearly all Georgia Electric Cooperatives are involved and receive some sort of renewable energy. The newest focus is Solar Energy. Please discuss Solar Energy, its benefits and drawbacks.

On the Washington Youth Tour you may be inspired by one of the United States' greatest leaders, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He had a great impact on Rural Electrification, and thus all Electric Cooperatives like Canoochee EMC. Please explain his influence.