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Each summer, Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative sponsors up to four students on an annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The selected winners will also receive a **\$500 scholarship** in addition to the trip. Students can learn about our nation's Capitol, the government and rural electric cooperatives while seeing the historic and cultural sights of the Washington, D.C. area. The Youth Tour program is an annual opportunity for more than 1,500 high school students from across the nation to represent their electric co-ops at our nation's Capitol.

A sophomore or junior who is selected to attend the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Youth Tour will be eligible for the National Youth Tour Scholarship competition as a high school senior. More information about this scholarship competition can be found at www.hwe.coop.

The program is coordinated by the Ohio's Electric Cooperatives (OEC), Hancock-Wood's statewide association. All transportation, lodging, meals and admission costs are paid by OEC. For safety considerations, a registered nurse, doctor and dentist are on call at the hotel at all times. This year, the Youth Tour will take place **June 14-20, 2026**. Additional time commitments could be required and vary by year.

YOUTH TOUR RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

- Entrants must be the child or legal ward of a Hancock-Wood Member (account must be in a parent's name). Employees (and their children) of businesses organizations receiving electric service from Hancock-Wood do not qualify for this program.
- Children of Hancock-Wood employees or board members are not eligible for this program.
- Entrants must be a high school sophomore or junior at the time of the application due date.
- Applications must be returned by February 13, 2026. Incomplete applications are ineligible.

YOUTH TOUR SELECTION PROCESS

- Applications are screened by the Youth Tour Committee for presentation ability, academic achievement, including Grade Point Average (GPA), and the variety and quality of extracurricular activities.
- Depending on the number of applications submitted, entrants could be asked to participate in an interview with the Youth Tour Committee.
- Those selected for an interview will be asked questions about their scholastic achievements, career goals and their knowledge of electric cooperatives, specifically Hancock-Wood.
- The committee will weigh responses based on content quality and presentation abilities. Applicants are encouraged to speak about how the availability of electricity impacts their daily lives.

ONCE SELECTED AS A YOUTH TOUR REPRESENTATIVE

- Up to four students will be chosen to represent Hancock-Wood during the Youth Tour. Those representatives will be notified by phone.
- OEC will follow up with the chosen representatives and their parents through email and phone contact.
- Representatives will be invited to a recognition ceremony with the board of trustees in April or May 2026.

Thank you for your interest in Hancock-Wood's Youth Tour. Please contact us if there are any questions or concerns by calling us toll free at 800-445-4840 or emailing YouthTour@hwe.coop.



YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C. 2026 APPLICATION

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE POST MARKED OR EMAILED BY February 13, 2026.

APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED CLEARLY

Name of Student: _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Student's Email: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Student's Number: _____ **Cell Phone:** Y N

What is the best time that the student can be reached? _____

Parent(s)' Number: _____ **Cell Phone:** Y N

The student is a H.S.: Sophomore Junior **Date of birth:** _____ **Gender:** Male Female

High School and Location: _____ **GPA:** _____

Please attach the student's yearbook photo or send a digital version when submitting application.

LEADERSHIP:

(Include school and non-school sponsored leadership roles held during high school. Do not include athletic roles.)

ORGANIZATION	NO. OF YEARS	OFFICES HELD

ATHLETICS:

(Include school and non-school sponsored athletic participation during high school.)

SPORT	NO. OF YEARS	AWARD/CAPTAIN?

ADDITIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

(Include all other school and non-school sponsored extracurricular activity the student participated in during high school.)

ACTIVITY	NO. OF YEARS	REMARKS

Please also include an essay (100 words or less) about why you are interested in going on the Youth Tour.

Is your application complete?

Did you complete the two-page application in full using blue or black ink? **Y N**

Did you attach your yearbook photo to the application or plan to email a digital version? **Y N**

Did you include an essay? **Y N**

If you answered yes to each of these questions, you have completed the application and may submit your application by mail or email to the address provided below.

STATEMENT OF APPLICANT, PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I have completed this application to the best of my abilities. All information provided is accurate.

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

I have examined this application and reviewed the program specifications. The information provided is accurate and complete. I give permission for my student to participate in the Youth Tour and all applicable events.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applications can be sent to YouthTour@hwe.coop or mailed to the address below no later than February 13, 2026.

Hancock-Wood Electric Cooperative Youth Tour
P.O. Box 190
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