

CONTEST GUIDELINES

To be eligible, contestants must be a high school student classified as a junior or senior as of the essay contest entry deadline of 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2025. Students must also live in a home served by Wise Electric Cooperative to be eligible. The travel dates are June 15-22, 2025. All essays become property of WEC.

Contestants must deliver the essay to the Cooperative office by 5:00 p.m. on January 22, 2025. The essay must be an original composition by the student on one of the following topics: (1) What are the advantages of receiving electric service from a cooperative compared with an investor owned utility, (2) How the availability of electric service improves the quality of life in Rural Texas, or (3) Interview a Cooperative Member who remembers when they received power for the first time. Essays should include a cover page (this page) with the information required (see below). For purposes of judging, the essay itself and inside pages should carry only two identification marks: the students Social Security Number and the essay title.

The finalists will be asked to go through an interview process with a panel of judges on Wednesday, February 15, 2025, at the cooperative's headquarters in Decatur, Texas. The top two candidates will be awarded the trip to Washington, and will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. **The winners must make the trip to Washington in order to receive the scholarship money.** The judges will also choose a runner-up who will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Students interested in entering the contest or who would like more information and source materials should contact Karen Culpepper at the 940-626-3003 or kculpepper@wiseec.com

2025 YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Name of Parents or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth(Month/Day/Year): _____ Social Security #: _____

Title of Essay: _____

Circle Size preference for T-shirt: Small Medium Large Extra-Large

This application will serve as your cover sheet. Other pages of essay *must* only have your Social Security Number, page number, and title of essay. Other pages *must not* have a name.

Youth Tour Scholarship Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Graduating From _____

Address _____

Social Security Number _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Guardian's Name _____ Occupation _____

Wise Electric Account Number _____

Estimated Family Income _____

Other Scholarships Received Total \$

Test Scores *(Please Provide Copy of Scores)*

SAT Composite _____ and/or ACT Composite _____

Class Rank _____ Number in Class _____ GPA _____

High School Extra-Curricular Activities_____

School Organizations

Office, Honors and Awards

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Are you currently employed? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, what type of work and how many hours per week do you work?

Do you plan to work during college? Yes_____ No_____

Out of School Activities / Community Service

College You Plan to Attend_____

Major Field of Study_____

Long Range Career Goal_____

Long Range Personal Goals_____

Briefly discuss the most memorable event during your high school career.
