



★ 2026 OKLAHOMA YOUTH TOUR ★

June 13-19, 2026 | Washington, D.C.



High School Juniors have the opportunity to win a free, all-expenses-paid “trip of a lifetime” to our Nation’s Capital, Washington, D.C.!

GUIDELINES

- Applicants must be members of the 2025-2026 Junior Class, who attend an accredited high school or are homeschooled within CHEC’s service territory. (*Students do not have to live in a home powered by CHEC.*)
- Applicants must be able to participate in an interview held at CHEC’s Stigler office on **Thursday, January 29th at 9:30 a.m.** if chosen as a top ten semi-finalist.
- Applicants must be able to attend the Youth Tour Trip on **June 13-19, 2026** if chosen as a finalist.
- Applicants must conduct themselves in a responsible, appropriate manner at all times throughout the competition. If a student presents themselves unprofessionally, they may be eliminated from the program.

APPLICATION

- Applicant must complete an entry form and thoughtfully answer **all five** written response questions listed below:
 - *Reflect on a situation where you demonstrated leadership in your school, community, or family. What lessons did you take away from this experience?*
 - *Cooperatives, like Cookson Hills, operate according to a set of core principles that serve as their guiding light. Which of the Seven Cooperative Principles do you think is the most important and why?*
 - *Fast forward 10 years – what do you hope a newspaper headline about you would say?*
 - *If you were given the chance to speak with a member of Congress, what topic would you bring up, and why do you believe it deserves their attention?*
 - *What makes you a good candidate to represent Cookson Hills Electric on the 2026 Oklahoma Youth Tour?*
- Answers should consist of 150-200 words **per question**, and should be typed double-spaced on a single side of the page(s).
- Applicant’s name should appear **only** on the entry form to ensure fairness. Please do not write or mention your name anywhere in your written response answers.

SUBMISSION

- Students will submit one application to their school’s teacher/sponsor, who is responsible for submitting all entries to CHEC by **Tuesday, January 13th at 5:00 p.m.**
- Entries should be emailed to mcarson@cooksonhills.com **by a teacher/school representative.**
- Once judges have reviewed the applications, the top ten semi finalists will be invited to participate in a short interview, held on **Thursday, January 29th at 9:30 a.m.** at the CHEC Stigler office (1002 E. Main, Stigler, OK)
- The top four finalists who will be traveling to Washington, D.C. will be announced at the conclusion of the interviews.



For any questions, please contact Madison Carson at mcarson@cooksonhills.com or 800-328-2368.

