2027 OKLAHOMA YOUTH TOUR

April 21-22, OKC | June 18-23, 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 2026-2027 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, February 4th at 9:30 a.m.** if chosen as a top ten finalist.
- Applicants must be able to attend the OKYT Leadership Academy in OKC on **April 21-22, 2027** and the Youth Tour Trip in Washington, D.C. on **June 18-23, 2027** if chosen as a winner.
- 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.
  - *If you could spend a day with any person, community leader, or historical figure, past or present, who would you choose and what would you like to learn from them?*
  - *What does it mean to be a "member-owner" of an electric cooperative rather than simply a customer?*
  - *What is one thing about your hometown/community that makes you proud?*
  - *If you could propose a new law to benefit rural Oklahoma, what would it address?*
  - *What do you hope to learn from the Oklahoma Youth Tour that you could bring back to your school or community?*
- 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 **Friday, January 15th 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 finalists will be invited to participate in a short interview, held on **Thursday, February 4th at 9:30 a.m.** at the CHEC Stigler office (1002 E. Main, Stigler, OK).
- The top four winners 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.

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OKLAHOMA YOUTH TOUR ENTRY FORM

I WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR THE 2027 OKLAHOMA YOUTH TOUR. I AM A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR AND UNDERSTAND THE MATERIAL I SUBMIT IN THIS CONTEST BECOMES THE PROPERTY OF OKLAHOMA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FOR USE AT ITS DECRETION. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE CONTEST AND THE JUDGES DECISION.

Student Name:_____

Student Phone: _____

Student Email (accessible in summer): _____

Student Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Student High School: _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Name: _____

Parent/Guardian #1 Phone:_____

Parent/Guardian #1 Email:_____

Parent/Guardian #2 Name: _____

Parent/Guardian #2 Phone:_____

Parent/Guardian #2 Email:_____

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BONUS COMPETITIONS!

Teachers and students have the opportunity to win cash!

- Teachers who submit a student application will be entered for a chance to win **$100 cash.**
- Teachers who submit a student application that is named a top-ten semi-finalist will be entered for a chance to win **$200 cash.**
- Students who submit an application to their teacher will be entered for a chance to win **$100 cash.**



To apply for the Youth Tour Competition, please scan the code or visit our website at cooksonhills.com/youth-tour