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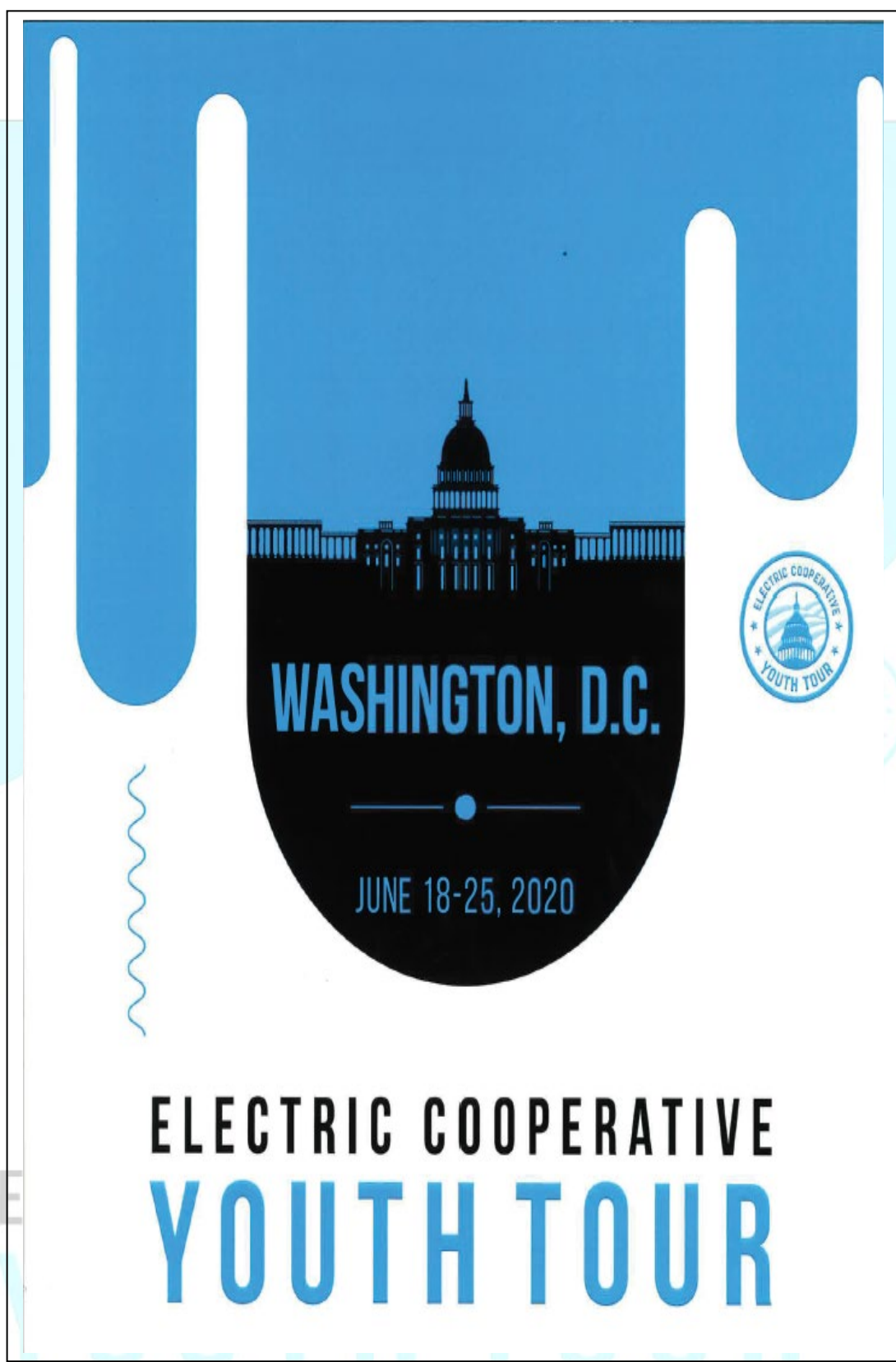
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Government in Action – Youth Tour 2020



2020 Kansas Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Essay Contest 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative

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Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 KEC Youth Tour “Government in Action” essay contest and trip to Washington, D.C. June 18th thru June 25th, 2020.

This packet contains the details of eligibility requirements, essay requirements and information regarding the selection process. You can also find information at www.4riverselectric.com as well as information, and photos from past youth tour winners on the website at www.youthtour.coop.

The essay topic is listed on the contest details sheet; please follow the directions carefully.

The top 5 finalists from the essay contest will be invited to the 4 Rivers Electric’s Lebo office at 2731 Milo Terr. for an interview on Feb. 13th, 2020. Three winners and an alternate will be selected. These individuals will be invited to attend 4 Rivers Electric’s 2020 annual meeting.

Again, thank you for your interest in the “Government in Action Youth Tour 2020”. Good luck creating your essay, and I hope to see you in our Lebo office as one of the top 5 essay finalists.

Sincerely,

Mike Tweedy
Youth Tour Coordinator

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Contest Details

Essay Topic: Your thoughts on beneficial electricity.

Assignment: Each student will create their own essay. Contestants should submit a 600-1000 word, typed, original, creative essay on the topic. Please complete the last page of this packet and use it as your cover page for your essay. Please do not put your name on any part of your essay, only on the cover sheet. The essay should be in length and focus on this year's topic as well as your knowledge about the 7 Cooperative Principles. The 5 finalists will have the opportunity to have a face to face interview with the selection committee before the final decision.

Resources: This packet contains mere options as places to find information about 4 Rivers Electric as well as places to look up past Youth Tour winners. Please use all resources you have that you find helpful in your essay. You are welcome to interview any past Youth Tour winners, please include them at the end of the essay in a bibliography or works cited portion. Some website resources you may find helpful:

- Touchstone Energy www.touchstoneenergy.com
- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association www.nreca.org
- Kansas Electric Cooperative, Inc. www.kec.org
- Our Energy, Our Future www.ourenergy.com
- 4 Rivers Electric Cooperative

Deliver essays to:

Mail to:

4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc.
c/o 2020 Youth Tour Coordinator
2731 Milo Terr.
Lebo Ks. 66856

Hand deliver:

4 Rivers Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2731 Milo Terr.
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Entry Deadline: Essays must be received in the 4 Rivers Electric office by 4:30pm Wednesday, Jan. 22th, 2020.

Eligibility: High school juniors whose families have an account in the 4 Rivers Electric service territory. Students must provide their cooperative account number with application.

How essays will be scored:

1. Knowledge of subject	4. Composition
2. Originality	5. Grammar
3. Content (ability to adhere to topic)	

Before being sent to the final judges, essays will be judged by teachers and professors experienced in the fields of English and writing.

How do I become a finalist? After all essays are turned in, they will be given to the preliminary judges who will review and judge the essays. Judges will assign each essay an independent score; each judge's scores will be combined for a final essay score. The top 5 essays scores will become the finalists. Each finalist will be invited to an interview at the 4 Rivers Electric office Feb. 13th 2020.

How is the interview scored? There will be 3 or more non 4 Rivers Electric employees who will be conducting interviews. During the interviews they look for the following criteria:

- Knowledge of the electric co-op
 - Community involvement
 - Maturity/personal accountability and conduct
 - Enthusiasm for the opportunity
- Note – there is no basis on GPA or financial need

How are winners chosen? Each finalist's essay scores will be combined with the interview scores to create a final contest scores. That final score will determine the 3 winners; winners will be announced immediately following interviews.

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Cover Sheet

(must be completed entirely)

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City / ZIP: _____ email _____

Gender: (circle one) Male/Female Birth Date: _____

School: _____

Home Phone: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

4 Rivers Electric Account Number _____

I agree that all information provided in this application is accurate and true.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Applicant Signature

If possible, email mike.tweedy@4riverselectric.com to let us know you entered the contest.