

BCEC Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest 2022

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND CONTEST RULES

Eligibility Requirements

A contestant must:

- Be a current 10th, 11th, or 12th grader at a school in Big Country EC's service area (Borden, Fisher, Garza, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Throckmorton Counties).
- Students' parents/guardians DO NOT have to be members/customers of Big Country Electric Cooperative in order to compete in and win the Youth Tour contest.
- Previous Youth Tour contest winners and immediate family of co-op directors or employees are not eligible to participate.

Application Submission

- Application form may be submitted via webform at bigcountry.coop, by clicking on Service Beyond Electricity → Youth Tour. If you prefer, you may download the printable version and submit to Sarah McLen at smclen@bigcountry.coop or fax to 325.776.2246. **Applications are due by Thursday, January 20, 2022.**
- Once your application is received, you will receive an email with a link to the BCEC Youth Tour 2021 closed group to post your video. Videos will only be available to the group of Youth Tour applicants, not the public.
- **Videos must be uploaded by 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 27, 2022. Please include your name with the video title. Example: *Title of my Video by John Smith.***

Video Topic and Scoring

- This year's topic is: The rolling blackouts in February 2021 rocked the state of Texas. Most consumers don't understand what led to that situation, or how Texas' utility grid and energy market operate. In a maximum five-minute video, explain what happened and why, how Texas' utility grid and energy market work, and why it's important for consumers to understand that.
Be unique, be creative, be yourself and have fun!
- Winners will be selected on a competitive basis, using the following points for scoring:

Knowledge of Subject	50%	(40 points)
Presentation Quality	50%	(40 points)

Multiple applicants *CANNOT* submit the same video. The video *MUST BE YOUR OWN ORIGINAL CREATION!*

Finalist Selection

The three winning contestants will be chosen by an independent panel of judges, to represent BCEC on the Government-in-Action Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. in June 12-21, 2022. An alternate will also be chosen in the event a winner cannot make the trip. Each contestant will be notified of results by email or phone by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2022.

****Big Country EC will donate \$500 to the school that has the most students submit videos! ****

Questions?

Contact Sarah McLen at 325.776.3803 or smclen@bigcountry.coop.

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GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

Big Country Electric Cooperative annually sponsors the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, an all-expense-paid trip in June to Washington, D.C., coordinated by Texas Electric Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. This year's winners will join about 150 of their peers from across the state and more than 1,700 from around the country for a tour of the nation's capital, meetings with congressional representatives and educational opportunities.

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Applicant Name:

Date of Birth:

Applicant's Email:

Are you available to travel June 12-21, 2022?

School Attending:

Grade:

Applicant's Home Phone:

Applicant's Cellphone:

Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s):

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Cellphone:

Address:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Email:

- Please submit a high-resolution photo in headshot/portrait format with application. The photo will be publicized in winner announcements and holds no bearing in the application process. Your submission of this photo constitutes your and your parent(s)/guardian(s) permission to use the photo in announcements or other promotional materials.

Applicant Signature and Date

I certify that I have read and understand all the information in the application and that my answers are true to the best of my knowledge. _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature and Date

I/We hereby give _____ permission to submit his/her name as an applicant to be considered for sponsorship by Big Country EC on the 2022 Government-in-Action Youth Tour. I also certify that I have read and understand all the information in the application. _____

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