

Looking for the Next Generation of Leaders



WHAT DO 1,500 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, our nation's capital and electric cooperatives have in common? The Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

Youth Tour was established with one thought in mind: to inspire our next generation of leaders. Since 1964, more than 50,000 young Americans have taken advantage of this special opportunity offered by their electric cooperatives.

High school students in the Central Texas Electric Cooperative service area can now apply for a slot on the 2016 Government-in-Action Youth Tour, an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 8–17.

Apply by January 29 for a chance to win this adventure, which has been called the trip of a lifetime. Participation is open to high school students who have completed their sophomore year by May 2016.

Youth Tour is an action-packed trip to the U.S. capital with about 125 of your peers and chaperones from across Texas. You'll visit the Washington National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Smithsonian Institution, memorials and more. Activities include learning about rural electrification, seeing a performance at the Kennedy Center, going on a boat

cruise with dinner and dancing, and meeting elected officials.

All expenses for the three winners on the tour (except personal items such as souvenirs, etc.) are paid by the co-op. CTEC winners join youths from throughout Texas for the trip. Chaperones are provided by sponsoring cooperatives, and CTEC provides transportation to and from Austin.

Contest Rules

Essays of 500 words or fewer must be submitted in the CTEC headquarters office in Fredericksburg by 5 p.m., Friday, January 29. This year's essay must answer the question: "How would you advise CTEC to communicate to members like you to be more involved in their cooperative and learn more about their cooperative?"

Winning essays are selected by independent judges and will be evaluated on originality (40 percent), knowledge of topic (30 percent), composition (10 percent), neatness (10 percent) and grammar (10 percent). Two alternates will also be named, in the event that a winner is unable to attend the tour.

Additional details, information and entry forms are available from your local high school or online at ctec.coop.



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CTEC To Offer 20 College Scholarships

TWENTY \$1,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS for youths in the Central Texas Electric Cooperative service area will be awarded in 2016, bringing the combined amount of financial help awarded to area students over the program’s 18-year history to \$509,000!

“This is a great opportunity for the co-op to continue doing something to help our membership at really no cost,” says CEO Robert A. Loth III. “Using the state’s escheated money also assures that at least some of that money comes back into the area and is used for the benefit of our members.”

H.B. 3203, a state law passed in September 1997, allows nonprofit electric cooperatives to put unclaimed capital credit funds—previously collected by the Texas comptroller’s office for the state’s general fund—to use for student scholarships.

Guidelines for 2016 Program

A scholarship selection committee, appointed by the board of directors of Central Texas Electric Cooperative, will choose candidates and alternates for the 20 scholarships to be awarded. Scholarships will be awarded based upon the applicant’s eligibility and will be granted to students who attend a recognized Texas institution of higher education. Recipients must carry a minimum of 12 hours or be considered by the registrar to be a full-time student. All scholarships will be mailed directly to the financial aid office of the selected school for the fall 2016 semester.

Eligibility

CTEC will accept and consider scholarship applications from all active members and their immediate families (not just high school students) whose primary residence is served by CTEC. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least two letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, counselors, etc., from the school they currently attend. For applicants returning to school after an extended absence, recommendation letters will be accepted from previous employers, supervisors, ministers, etc. Applicants must demonstrate a coherent degree plan and willingness to pursue a course of higher learning.

How To Apply

For high school seniors, CTEC mails applications and guidelines in early January to all school districts where CTEC has meters. For members already out of high school, applications are available at all CTEC offices and can also be downloaded from the co-op’s website at ctec.coop. Questions can be directed to the Member Services Department in Fredericksburg at 1-800-900-CTEC (2832) or (830) 997-2126. Successful applicants will be announced in late April.

Deadline

Completed applications must be in the Fredericksburg CTEC office by 5 p.m., Friday, February 26.



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Fredericksburg (headquarters)

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Fredericksburg, TX 78624

Llano

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Kingsland

Nob Hill Subdivision
706 Cottonwood St., Kingsland

Mason

983 N. U.S. Hwy. 87, Mason

Office Hours

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday

Website

ctec.coop

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Emergency Contact

To report electric service interruptions, please call the Central Texas Electric Cooperative office in your area at the numbers listed below:

FREDERICKSBURG AREA

(830) 997-2126

1-800-900-CTEC (2832)

including Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Blanco, Real and Kimble counties

LLANO AND SAN SABA AREAS

(325) 247-4191

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8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Although fascinating to see, ice-laden branches on power lines can cause power outages, so it's important to be prepared.

Board of Directors Selection Process

MEMBERS INTERESTED IN RUNNING for a position on the co-op's board of directors in 2016 should pay special attention to a March deadline. Article III of the CTEC bylaws details the director selection process and implements several deadlines.

Note the first upcoming deadline: Any person seeking nomination at a district meeting must submit an application and petition signed by at least 10 members in his or her district by March 14, 2016. You can obtain an application by contacting the CTEC headquarters office at P.O. Box 553, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, or by calling 1-800-900-CTEC (2832) or (830) 997-2126.

Copies of the CTEC bylaws are available at the CTEC offices in Fredericksburg, Kingsland, Llano and Mason. You also can find the bylaws online at ctec.coop under the My Co-op tab.

Prepare for Winter Storms

WHEN WINTER TEMPERATURES DROP and storms hit, it can be challenging to stay safe and warm. Winter storm severity varies depending on where you live, but nearly all Texans are affected by extreme winter weather at some point. Central Texas Electric Cooperative cares about your safety, and we want you to be prepared.

Heavy snow and ice can lead to downed power lines, leaving co-op members without power. During extremely low temperatures, this can be dangerous. If there is a power outage, our crews will continue to work as quickly and safely as possible to restore power, but there are a few things you can do to prepare yourself.

Stay warm. Plan to use a safe alternate heating source, such as a fireplace or wood-burning stove during a power outage. These are great options to keep you and your loved ones warm, but exercise caution when using them, and never leave the heating source unattended. If you are using gasoline-, propane- or natural gas-burning devices to stay warm, never use them indoors. Remember that fuel- and wood-burning sources of heat should always be properly ventilated. Always read the manufacturer's directions before using.

Stay fed. The CDC recommends keeping handy several days' supply of food that does not need to be cooked. Crackers, cereal and canned goods are good options. Five gallons of water per person should also be available in the event of an extended power outage.

Stay safe. When an outage occurs, it usually means power lines are down. It is best not to travel during winter storms, but if you must, bring a survival kit along, and do not travel alone. If you encounter downed lines, always assume they are live. Stay as far away from the downed lines as possible, and report the situation to our dispatchers if possible by calling 1-800-900-CTEC (2832) or (830) 997-2126.

Winter weather can be unpredictable and dangerous, and planning ahead can often be the difference between life and death. Central Texas EC is ready for what Mother Nature has in store, and we want you to be ready, too.





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