



# 2025 Youth Tour Application



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Application #:

San Bernard Electric Cooperative will award an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. for two high school students for the Government-In-Action Youth Tour. Contest winners will join other students from Electric Cooperatives across Texas. This will be an unforgettable look inside U.S. History and Government.

### Eligibility Rules and Winner Requirements:

- The winner must be able to participate in the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. on June 15-23, 2025
- You must have completed your sophomore, junior or senior year of high school by June 2025.
- Live in the home of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) who is a current San Bernard member and whose primary residence is in San Bernard’s Service Territory.
- Submit a completed application form, two short essays, high resolution digital photo and one original letter of recommendation to SBEC postmarked or emailed no later than midnight on January 17, 2025
- Past Winners are not eligible.
- Attend orientation and interview on Monday, February 10, 2025. at 6pm at the Bellville SBEC Office; 309 West Main, Bellville, Texas 77418.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have read the eligibility rules and winner requirements. The information contained in this application is true, complete and accurate. I hereby acknowledge that the attached application was prepared and written by me, and I agree to permit the review of this application by members of the San Bernard Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Committee.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SBEC Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child is competing to win a 9 day, all-expense paid trip (a \$3,150 value) to Washington, D.C., June 15-23, 2025 sponsored by San Bernard Electric Cooperative (SBEC). I further acknowledge that I am a SBEC member, and the above named applicant is my child and is living in my home. In the event that they are selected to be a SBEC Youth Tour recipient, I grant unrestricted permission for my child's name and image to be used in print, video and digital media. I agree that these images may be used by San Bernard Electric Cooperative for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notifying me.

Parent’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay Format & Topic:**

The top six applicants will be chosen based on the merit of the essays they submit. This includes demonstrating an understanding of the subject matter, originality, composition, grammar and neatness. The top six applicants will then be contacted for a personal interview on February 10, 2025 at 6pm at the Bellville Office.

The essays should be typed, no more than 300 words in length, 12-point font and double spaced. It should answer the following questions:

- 1. What is the greatest issue facing your community and how can you be a part of the solution?**
- 2. What are the differences between an electric cooperative and investor-owned utility?**

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**Please summarize why you wish to go to Washington D.C. below:**

A completed application, list of extracurricular activities, high resolution digital photo and essay, and original letter of recommendation must be postmarked or emailed by midnight on Wednesday, January 17, 2025. Digital photos **must** be sent via email to [Lsamford@sbec.org](mailto:Lsamford@sbec.org).

Applicant's essays are judged anonymously by a committee of members in our community. Live interviews will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 and winners will be announced no later than February 17, 2025.

**Application, high resolution digital photo, and essay should be sent to the following:**

**Mail:** San Bernard Electric  
Attn: Youth Tour  
PO BOX 1208  
Bellville, Texas 77418

**Email:** [Lsamford@sbec.org](mailto:Lsamford@sbec.org)

**\*All photos must be submitted via email to [Lsamford@sbec.org](mailto:Lsamford@sbec.org)**

Please contact Lari Samford at 979-865-3171 ext. 7747 or [Lsamford@sbec.org](mailto:Lsamford@sbec.org) with any questions.

## Extracurricular & Community Activities

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List school related or community activities. Include responsibilities, dates of participation, special honors received, offices held and any other pertinent information. **Sending a resume does not replace any part of this application. If space provided in any section is inadequate, you may continue on additional sheets. DO NOT repeat information already reported on the application form.**

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*Attach information on additional activities if necessary.*

List academic awards received. Include dates and any other pertinent information.

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