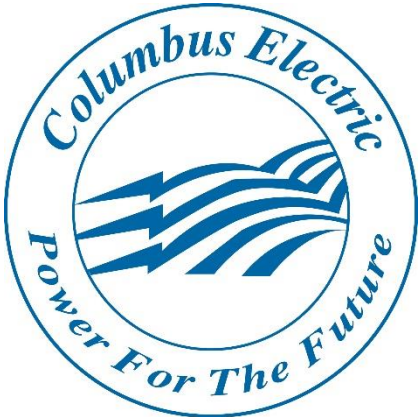


2025 Youth Tour Application



Once in a lifetime trip to Washington, D.C. on
June 16-21, 2025



An opportunity of a lifetime!

Deadline to apply is January 31, 2025

Youth Tour Overview

Columbus Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEC) and New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NMRECA), are offering students from our service area a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit our nation's capital. Students will spend their time touring monuments, visiting museums, meeting with elected officials, learning about the cooperative business model, and getting to meet other young leaders from across New Mexico and numerous other states.

Application Overview

Columbus Electric Cooperative will cover all expenses for the selected students to attend the Youth Tour. Each selected student will receive \$500 for spending money.

Application Requirements

- ✓ Currently be in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade when submitting an application
- ✓ Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- ✓ Be an immediate family member of an active CEC member.
- ✓ Be able to participate in the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C on June 16-21, 2025
- ✓ If selected, the student must attend a personal interview with a parent/guardian at a Columbus Electric Cooperative office.
- ✓ If selected, the student and parent/guardian will be required to complete additional forms from the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. (A CEC employee will be available to assist with additional forms)

Selection Process

The selection committee appointed will review all completed applications blindly; all names, addresses, and any identifying information will be concealed.

Application Checklist

- Completed Application
- Completed Essay
- Completed certification and parent permission form
- Letter of recommendation and character evaluation form from a teacher, counselor, or principal.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Ways to submit your application

Deliver to:
Deming office located at
900 N. Gold
Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Mail to:
Columbus Electric Cooperative
Youth Tour Program
P.O. Box 631
Deming, NM 88031

Email to:
Leezondra Baca
Administrative Assistant
leezondrab@col-coop.com

Application

How did you hear about the Youth Tour? _____

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Year in school _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

High School _____ High School Phone _____

Grade point average _____ If applicable, Weighted GPA _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Parent or Guardian phone
number _____

Parent or Guardian email
address _____

Name on CEC Account _____ Active Account # _____

Work Experience

Please list all work experience in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first.

Company	Position/Job Description	Dates of Employment	Avg. Hours Per Week

Certification

In submitting this application, I verify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree that the selection committee has my permission to verify any and all information. I understand that I must submit the completed application and any attachments by January 31, 2025.

I/We hereby give _____ permission to submit his/her name as a candidate for the Columbus Electric Cooperative Youth Tour contest, and if selected as a winner to give him/her permission to travel as required.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Emergency Phone Number(s) _____

Character Evaluation and Recommendation Letter

This form is to be completed by your teacher, counselor, or principal.

Instructions for school official: Please complete and place this completed form and recommendation letter in a sealed envelope and return to the student so they can submit with their application.

Applicant's Name _____

High School _____

School Official's Name _____

School Official's Position _____

Phone Number _____

Recommendation Letter

Instructions for school official: Please submit a recommendation letter on official letterhead describing the students' strengths and potential for future success. We welcome any information that would distinguish this student from others. Be sure to include in what capacity and how long you have known the student.

Character Evaluation

Compared with other high school students, how would you rate this student in the following below?

	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent (Top 5%)
Optimistic Attitude				
Willingness to take Responsibility				
Pride in School and Community				
Leadership Qualities				
Maturity				
Respect for Others				
Academic Achievement				
High Principles and Values				

Signature of Evaluator _____ Date _____