



Student Application Instructions



QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicant must be a high school **junior** at time of application **for Washington Youth Tour**.
- Applicant must be a high school **sophomore** at time of application **for Cooperative Youth Summit**.
- Applicant's parents, guardians, or relatives may not be employed by or be trustees of Laurens Electric Cooperative. However, students whose parents are employees or trustees of the cooperative are eligible to participate in a separate competition. Contact Laurie Riser at laurier@laurenslectric.com or (864) 683-1684 for more information.

REQUIREMENTS

- An **application** and **two letters of reference** must be submitted.
- A copy of the reference form should be given to each person designated as a reference.
- Only one reference may be completed by a school administrator or teacher.
- **References and applications should be completed and returned by 5 p.m. on February 2** to Laurier@LaurensElectric.com, or mailed to Laurie Riser, Laurens Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 700, Laurens, SC 29360. Applications can be filled out online at www.LaurensElectric.com/youth.

JUDGING

- Candidates will be judged on the basis of their school and community involvement, references and communications skills. If chosen for an interview, a panel of judges will question the applicants concerning their past experiences, plans for the future and knowledge of the Cooperative.
- Three winners and one alternate will be selected to represent Laurens Electric Cooperative on Washington Youth Tour. One winner and one alternate will be selected for Cooperative Youth Summit. Alternates will attend if one of the winners is unable to participate.

DEADLINE

- **Applications and references are due no later than 5 p.m. on February 2.** Any applications or references received later than February 2 will not be considered.



Student Information



Typing is preferred, but clear printing is acceptable.

___ I am a high school **junior** applying for **Washington Youth Tour**.

___ I am a high school **sophomore** applying for **Cooperative Youth Summit**.

NAME: _____

NICKNAME OR PREFERRED NAME: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: _____

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING BEST DESCRIBES YOU? Male _____ Female _____ Other _____

PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN(S): _____

My child has my permission to apply for this trip and to go if selected.

Parent / Legal Guardian signature: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: _____ *You may meet elected officials on either trip.*

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

GRADE IN WHICH YOU ARE CURRENTLY ENROLLED: _____

MAJOR STUDY INTEREST: _____ CAREER GOAL: _____

Do you have any activities (family vacation, cheerleader camp, mission trip, Boys/Girls State, sports, etc.) planned for this summer that might conflict with Youth Tour or Cooperative Youth Summit?



Student Information (cont.)



Are either any of your relatives employed by or trustees of Laurens Electric Cooperative? _____

(If so, you may be ineligible to receive this award but may participate in a separate competition. Contact Laurie Riser at LaurieR@LaurensElectric.com or 1-800-942-3141 for more information.)

List high school activities in which you have participated and any special honors, awards, accomplishments and elected positions you have received during high school. Supporting documentation may be included.

List extracurricular activities and years of involvement (community, church, 4-H or service clubs, etc.). Indicate any honors, awards or other significant accomplishments related to those activities. Supporting documentation may be included.



Reference Information



References will be submitted by the following two people:

Note: Only one reference may be from a current school administrator or a teacher, and no references will be accepted if completed by a relative of the applicant.

It is your responsibility to ensure that both references are received by February 3.

Candidates will be disqualified from the competition if references are received after the deadline.

1. NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION & RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

2. NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

OCCUPATION & RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____



Reference



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Student's Name: _____

How are you acquainted with this student? _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Please evaluate the applicant on the qualities which would make the candidate a good representative of Laurens Electric Cooperative during Washington Youth Tour or Cooperative Youth Summit. You may attach additional pages if necessary.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Occupation & Employer: _____

Your phone number or email address: _____



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