

2019 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR / COOPERATIVE YOUTH SUMMIT

“Two trips, one application”

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS, you could be selected for **one** of two unforgettable experiences this summer! Apply for both trips with one application.

June 15-20 -- 2019 Washington Youth Tour: Three students will be chosen to represent Palmetto Electric Cooperative for the 2019 Washington Youth Tour, a weeklong educational trip to Washington D.C. Youth Tour gives students a chance to experience Washington, D.C. with more than 1,500 high school juniors from across South Carolina and the United States. Students will see government in action, visit historic sites and learn about electric cooperatives. Palmetto Electric will cover three students' round-trip plane ticket, tours and meals. In addition, The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc., will award a \$5,000 scholarship to one of the South Carolina Youth Tour participants (Palmetto Electric has had three scholarship winners in the past eight years). The recipient will be chosen based on an approved community service project. The criteria for this project will be given in the welcome packets that are mailed in late March.

July 9–12 -- 2019 Cooperative Youth Summit: Three students will have the chance to experience South Carolina’s capital like never before. Students will tour the Statehouse, meet lawmakers and see how co-ops are preparing for our state’s energy future. Participants will have plenty of fun with visits to popular Columbia attractions like Riverbanks Zoo & Garden. Palmetto Electric Cooperative will cover all expenses including transportation, lodging and meals.

Applicants must meet the following qualifications and entry requirements.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019.

**MAIL TO: BROOKE MINGLEDORFF
PALMETTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
1 COOPERATIVE WAY
HARDEEVILLE, SC 29927
Or email: youthtour@palmetto.coop**

- A. Applicant must be a high school junior.
- B. Applicant must complete an application form, submit **three** letters of reference and **include a recent photograph of yourself**.
- C. If selected as a finalist, applicant must participate in a personal interview.
- D. Applicant's primary residence must be served by Palmetto Electric Cooperative.
- E. Finalists must meet additional requirements in order to compete for the \$5,000 scholarship.

For more information or an application, contact Brooke Mingledorff (843-208-5556) or Missy Santorum (843-681-0072) at Palmetto Electric at 1-800-922-5551. Applications are also available online or at your local High School Guidance Office.

PALMETTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
2019 Youth Tour / Youth Summit
Student Instructions

I. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Applicant must be a high school junior.
- B. Applicant must complete an application form and contact references.
- C. If selected as a finalist, applicant must participate in a personal interview. The interview portion of the contest is required.
- D. Applicant's primary residence must be served by Palmetto Electric Cooperative.

II. REQUIREMENTS

- A. An application and three letters of reference must be submitted.
 - B. Letters of reference shall be submitted from business or professional people such as clergy, lawyers, bankers, farmers, or doctors. **Only one reference may be submitted by a school administrator or teacher.**
 - C. References and applications, along with a photo, should be completed as soon as possible and submitted:
 - Online at www.palmetto.coop
 - By mail to: **Brooke Mingledorff**
Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.,
1 Cooperative Way
Hardeeville, SC 29927
 - Email to: youthtour@palmetto.coop
- DEADLINE: Thursday, February 28, 2019.**
- D. **Failure to meet all requirements will automatically disqualify your application.**

III. JUDGING

- A. If preliminary judging is necessary, it will be conducted by members of Palmetto Electric's Women Involved in Rural Electrification (WIRE). The selection of finalists will be based on information received on the application.
- B. Final judging will be based on school and community involvement, scholastic aptitude displayed, honors and awards received, reference recommendations, poise, communication skills and knowledge displayed in the interview. A panel of judges will ask questions concerning past experiences, future plans, and basic cooperative information. (A percentage of the applicant's score will be based on their knowledge of the cooperative.) **Judging is tentatively scheduled to take place in early March at Palmetto Electric's New River facility (1 Cooperative Way, Hardeeville, SC 29927). The Youth Tour Coordinator will call each finalist to schedule interview times.**
- C. Three winners will be selected as Palmetto Electric representatives for each trip (Washington Youth Tour and the Cooperative Youth Summit). Alternates will be chosen in case one of the winners is unable to attend the tours.
- D. Winners will be recognized at Palmetto Electric's Annual Meeting in Ridgeland on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

IV. SCHOLARSHIP

If selected as a Washington Youth Tour representative, you will be eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship from the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina. This organization will contact Youth Tour finalists regarding scholarship requirements.

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2019 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR / COOPERATIVE YOUTH SUMMIT
JUNE 15-20, 2019 / JULY 9-12, 2019**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME (first, middle, last) _____

NICKNAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

PARENTS CELL PHONE: _____

Email Parent: _____ Email Student: _____

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU LIVE: _____

COOPERATIVE NAME: _____

PART 1 - - SCHOOL RELATED

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL GRADE ENROLLED: _____ GRADE AVERAGE _____

MAJOR STUDY INTEREST: _____

FUTURE GOALS: _____

List activities you have participated in and any special honors, awards, accomplishments, and elected positions you have received during your high school career (class officer, plays, athletics, music, etc.).

PART II - - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List extracurricular activities and years of involvement in which you have participated, such as the 4-H, FFA, church, community and service clubs. Indicate honors, awards, and accomplishments.

Additional information, which may be of interest to those making the selection: _____

PART III - - Section A

Please state why you would like to go to Washington, D.C. or Columbia, S.C. as a representative for Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. on the Washington Rural Electric Youth Tour or Cooperative Youth Summit. Your comments will be judged on content, composition, neatness and grammar. (Attach separate sheet if needed.)

Section B - - References

References will be submitted by the following three people:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation & Daytime Phone#</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

My primary residence is served by Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Signature of Palmetto Electric Member (parent or guardian)

Palmetto Electric Account #

Signature of Applicant

REFERENCE

2019 Washington Youth Tour / Cooperative Youth Summit

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STUDENT'S NAME _____

How are you acquainted with this student? _____

How long have you known this student? _____

Please evaluate this student on their ability to represent Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. on the Washington Youth Tour or Cooperative Youth Summit.

Signature:

Occupation:

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Information about Your Local Cooperative

(A percentage of your score will come from your knowledge of the cooperative.)

1. Name of your local cooperative?
Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2. Palmetto Electric is associated with what national brand identity?
Touchstone Energy®
3. Where are Palmetto Electric's offices located?
Ridgeland, Hampton, Hilton Head, and New River
4. Number of members on the board of directors?
12 (6 Beaufort County, 3 Jasper County, 3 Hampton County)
5. How is your cooperative governed?
Members elect the board to set policy for the cooperative
6. Chairman of your board?
Jeremiah Vaigneur, Jasper County
7. What is the number of members your cooperative serves?
Approximately 70,000
8. When was your co-op first organized?
1940
9. When and where is your co-op's annual meeting held this year?
1st Saturday in May, Palmetto Electric Cooperative's headquarters facility in Ridgeland
10. What is the energy source of power for your local cooperative?
Coal, Hydro, Nuclear, Solar & Methane
11. What company generates this power?
Generated by Santee Cooper
12. What is the name of your co-op's statewide and national associations?
The Electric Cooperatives of SC, Columbia, SC (Statewide)
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Washington, DC (National)
13. In which counties does your cooperative serve?
Southern Beaufort, Hampton, Jasper
14. What is the biggest difference in a cooperative and an investor-owned utility?
BONUS QUESTION

It would be to your advantage to be able to give further information on any of these questions, i.e. defining terms, etc. Further educational information may be obtained at your cooperative office, school libraries, online at www.palmetto.coop or past issues of South Carolina Living.