



Alfalpa Electric Cooperative in Cherokee, Oklahoma, is once again sponsoring its **Youth Tour Essay Contest** for all **high school juniors**. The **Youth Tour Program** is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about cooperatives, to go on trips of a lifetime, and to win scholarship money. Leadership skills will be developed and improved through these programs. The necessary steps of the contest are as follows:

- Students must write their own essays and submit them along with the application form and activity sheet.
- A skilled judge will determine the top seven essay winners.
- These seven students must agree to go through a short interview process shortly before attending the Youth Tour Banquet on the evening of Monday, March 9.
- Seven finalists will read their essays at the banquet, where all awards will be announced.

All finalists will receive a \$500 scholarship. Both the Washington D.C. trip and the Steamboat Springs trip are fantastic opportunities. Winners of these trips may be asked to write a short article or speak about their experience. Please consider the dates and the requirements **BEFORE** entering the contest. The deadline for all essays and applications is **Monday, February 3, 2020**. Essays, application forms, and activity sheets **must be** delivered by mail or hand-delivered to AEC by this date. AEC encourages all students to participate in this outstanding program.

FIVE ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIPS AND \$4,000

Three trips to Washington, D.C.

“Rural Electric Youth Tour,”

Oklahoma June 19-25, 2020

Kansas June 18-25, 2020

AND \$500 scholarship

Two trips to Steamboat Springs, CO

“Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp,”

July 10-16, 2020

AND \$500 scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships

Two alternate positions \$250 scholarships
(These two students do not attend the banquet)