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Youth Tour Essay Topic

Congratulations on your decision to enter the 2018 Alfalfa Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Essay Contest. As a good steward of the communities we serve, AEC is proud to support Youth Tour. Let’s get started.

Write an essay over one of your worst dreams...waking up one morning to live through a day – your average day – with no electricity. Discuss the biggest obstacles in your day. How did you feel when you woke up to find it was all a bad dream? How can you show your appreciation for the convenience of electricity? Do not include your name *in* the essay, but do include it in the title on the first page of your essay. Please supplement this essay with your own unique imagination and creative style. All essays should be original in nature. A bibliography page is not required, but students should give credit to any research sources.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Approximately 500 words (2 page maximum) typewritten- font-12 double-spaced

TITLE PAGE SHOULD INCLUDE

Name	High School	Title of your essay
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JUDGING

An experienced judge will evaluate the essays based on the following criteria:

- Content 40%
- Originality 35%
- Grammar 20%
- Neatness 5%

ESSAYS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE AEC OFFICE BY

Monday, February 5, 2018

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Alfa 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 awesome 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 basic steps of the contest are as follows:

- Students must write their own essay and submit it along with the application form.
- 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 Tuesday, March 13.
- Seven finalists will read their essays at the banquet where all awards will be announced.

All students will receive a \$500 scholarship. Both the Washington D.C. trip and the Steamboat Springs trip are amazing opportunities. Winners of these trips may be asked to write a short article or speak to a small group about their experience. Please consider the dates and the requirements **before** entering the contest. The deadline for all essays and applications is **Monday, February 5, 2018**. Essays 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 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Three trips to Washington, D.C.

“Rural Electric Youth Tour,”

Oklahoma June 8-14, 2018

Kansas June 7-14, 2018

AND \$500 scholarship

Two trips to Steamboat Springs, CO

“Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp,”

July 13-19, 2018

AND \$500 scholarship

Two \$500 scholarships

Two alternate positions \$250 scholarships
(These 2 students do not attend the banquet)