



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.