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Valley REC announces Youth Tour grant for high school juniors

For decades Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. has sponsored high school juniors on the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. In normal years, Valley's students join nearly 100 other students from electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and travel by coach in mid-June to the nation's capital, where they link up with nearly 1,500 more high school juniors from across the nation.

Valley REC sponsors juniors from member and non-member households, from public, private and home school programs across its eight-county service territory on this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Students learn about the cooperative business model and the rural electrification movement of the 1930s. They also tour monuments and museums, meet their congressional representatives, and even enjoy a dinner cruise on the Potomac River.

Sadly, the coronavirus pandemic has canceled the trip for Valley REC students for 2022, as it did in 2021 and 2020. As a way to continue to recognize some of our brightest and most community minded young leaders, Valley REC is inviting juniors to apply for our new Youth Tour grant, money that can be used toward future education-related expenses. Selected applicants will be invited to participate in an interview with our board of directors' Youth Tour committee. The committee will select up to 20 grant recipients based on academic achievement, as well as participation in extracurricular activities and/or community service. It's anticipated that the amount of the award will be approximately \$500. Successful applicants will receive their grant in mid-June.

Due to COVID canceling Valley Rural Electric Cooperative's participation in the 2022 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., the co-op is offering a special grant opportunity to high school juniors in member and non-member households in school districts located wholly or in part within our service territory. Juniors whose parents/guardians are seasonal VREC account holders are also eligible to apply. Completed applications must be received by April 8, 2022.

Submit applications by mail to:

**Member Services Department
Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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Applications also may be delivered in-person to any Valley REC office or emailed to: memberservices@valleyrec.com

Youth Tour grant application

Today's date:

Student Information

Full name:

Address:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

Your email address:

Date of birth:

Sex:

Year you will graduate high school:

Parent/guardian 1:

Phone:

Parent/guardian 2:

Phone:

With whom do you live?

Applicants selected by our committee for an interview will have the option of appearing in person or via Zoom. Method of interview will not impact scholarship eligibility. Can you be available for a Zoom interview if COVID prevents in-person appearances?

School Information

High school:

School address:

Please list school activities in which you participate now or have participated, such as band, school plays, sports teams, etc. Include how many years you have been involved in each activity.

Community Involvement & Employment

List your church, community or service club activities. Why do you feel community involvement and volunteering are important?

What are your career goals? What type of work do you see yourself going into?

Are you currently employed? Please list your work history.

List any other special interests or hobbies.

Applicants must provide their official high school transcript in one of two formats. Transcripts can be mailed or hand delivered to a Valley REC office in a sealed envelope. Or, an electronic copy can be emailed from a school employee or transcript service. Transcripts are due by April 8, 2022.

Applicants may attach additional information as necessary. Please keep application and additional pages together in a mailing envelope or email.

Your signature: