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Date: January 31, 2019  
To: School Counselors  
From: Laura Holycross, Barry Electric Cooperative  
Subject: BEC'S SPONSORSHIP OF CO-OP MEMBER'S CHILDREN FOR YOUTH TOUR AND CYCLE

For the eighth year, Barry Electric Cooperative in conjunction with the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC), will be sponsoring 2 students for the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. and 2 students for CYCLE (Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience) in Jefferson City. This is a voluntary contest, open only to the children of current BEC Members.

Each contestant must submit an essay, 700-1,000 words, on the following topic:

**America's Energy Future for My Generation.** *Explain what the biggest energy challenges will be for your generation and how your electric cooperative can help meet those challenges.*

Essays will be judged on content (facts/research), grammar/writing, and creativity. Impartial judges will score the essays. Students who are currently enrolled or homeschooled at the sophomore (10<sup>th</sup>) grade level or junior (11<sup>th</sup>) grade level are eligible to enter. Please remember that applicants will only be competing against BEC's member's children.

The dates for the two programs are as follows:

Youth Tour = **June 14-20**, 2019; Washington, D.C.

CYCLE = **July 17-19**, 2019; Jefferson City

Included is a fact sheet covering most of the rules and questions you may have. Also attached is a cover sheet for applicants to return with their essay.



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# **“GUIDELINES”**

## **FOR THE BEC MEMBERSHIP WIDE YOUTH TOUR/CYCLE CONTEST**

- ~ This is a voluntary contest – each member’s student can decide if they wish to participate or not.
- ~ The contest is open only to the students of current members of Barry Electric Cooperative.
- ~ Age: open to students who are currently enrolled or homeschooled at the sophomore (10<sup>th</sup>) grade level or junior (11<sup>th</sup>) grade level.
- ~ Applicants will only be competing against other BEC Member’s children.
- ~ Students of current BEC employees or board directors are not eligible to compete in this contest, but can inquire to the office about the contest offered by the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives (AMEC).
- ~ All costs for the winners to attend YT or CYCLE will be covered by BEC. Winning delegates will be taken to and picked up from Jefferson City for the YT Banquet or for CYCLE by a representative of BEC.
- ~ Entries will be judged with NO names on the essays, by judges not affiliated with local cooperatives.
- ~ We ask that applicants enter only ONE contest. Example: if they are currently able to enter another cooperative’s contest, please choose that one or the BEC one, not both.
- ~ The top two applicants with highest scores will be offered the Youth Tour to Washington D.C. Third and fourth place will be offered the CYCLE trip to Jefferson City.



# 2019 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour & CYCLE Conference Contest Application

Contest Deadline: entries must be received by noon, Friday, March 29, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents/Guardians \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Subject/Rules:

The essay must be between 700-1,000 words, on the following topic:

**America's Energy Future for My Generation.** *Explain what the biggest energy challenges will be for your generation and how your electric cooperative can help meet those challenges.*

Essays will be judged on content, grammar and creativity. To enter, complete and return this form along with your essay by noon, Friday, March 29, 2019, to your school counselor or can be emailed directly to BEC: [lholycross@barryelectric.com](mailto:lholycross@barryelectric.com)