

## **YOUTH TOUR EXPERIENCE 2022 QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

Each summer, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative sponsors one student from our membership that attends an Ohio or Indiana school for the annual Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. in June. Selected winners can learn about our nation's Capital, the government and rural electric cooperatives while seeing the historic and cultural sights of the Washington, D.C. area. Many tours are VIP visits to areas not available to the general public. More than 1,800 students from up to 46 states will travel to Washington for the weeklong experience. There is an opportunity for students to make life-long friendships and valuable contacts.

The program is coordinated by Ohio Electric Cooperatives (OEC) and Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative (PPEC). All transportation, lodging, meals and admission costs are included. For safety considerations, a registered nurse, doctor and dentist are on call at the hotel at all times. This year, the Youth Tour will take place June 16-23 for Indiana, and June 18-24, 2022, for Ohio.

### **YOUTH TOUR RULES AND ELIGIBILITY**

- Entrants must be the child or legal ward of a Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative member. The account must be in the parent's name.
- Entrants must be a high school Sophomore, Junior or Senior at the time of application due date. Homeschooled students are eligible to apply.
- Applications must be received in the Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative office by 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2022. Incomplete applications are ineligible.
- The Youth Tour Committee and Entrants will be provided with the Cooperative Difference video link about electric cooperatives and the seven cooperative principals by which co-ops operate. Applicants will be asked to participate in a multiple-choice test to be included with the application. There is also a personal interview that will be scheduled with the Youth Tour Committee held at Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative.
- Questions asked in the interview will include knowledge of cooperatives, specifically Paulding Putnam electric Cooperative, scholastic achievements and career goals.
- The committee will weigh responses based on content quality and presentation abilities.
- The selected delegate will be asked to be present in the award announcement at their home school. A runner-up will also be selected in the event the winning delegate cannot attend.

### **ONCE SELECTED AS A YOUTH TOUR DELEGATE**

- One student will be chosen to represent PPEC on the all expense paid Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., in June. Winners will be notified and presented at their home school.
- Indiana Electric Cooperatives (IEC), or Ohio's Electric Cooperative (OEC) will follow up with the winning representatives and their parents via telephone and email.
- The candidate representing PPEC is strongly encouraged to compete during the Youth Tour for election to represent Ohio/Indiana on the National Rural Electric Association (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council. Well-qualified, well-prepared candidates who are friendly, outgoing, and positive have an excellent chance of being selected by their fellow students for this additional honor. Only one representative from each state is elected to the council. Information is available on NRECA's website <https://www.electric.coop/our-organization/youth-programs/youth-leadership-council/>
- Representatives will be asked to return the following year to share their experience.



# APPLICATION FORM

Please return completed application to:  
**Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative, Inc.**  
**401 McDonald Pike**  
**Paulding, Ohio 45879**  
Attn: Youth Tour Program  
or **Email: [amccreery@ppec.coop](mailto:amccreery@ppec.coop)**

*In cooperation with Ohio's Electric Cooperatives and Paulding Putnam Electric Co-op*

*Application with transcripts must be completed and emailed or mailed to your cooperative.  
Paulding Putnam Electric must receive all application materials by **March 1, 2022.***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Location Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Are your parents members of Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative  Yes  No

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

What plans do you have for the future: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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What do you feel is the greatest benefit you could gain from attending the Youth Tour?

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\_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** (Non-school activities, including church and community)

Give years of membership and outstanding activities in which you have participated as a leader.

ORGANIZATION	NO. OF YEARS	OFFICES HELD

**PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT:** (School related activities)

List the activities participated in during your high school attendance, such as: athletics, class officer, drama, music, etc. Please list your most noteworthy activities.

ACTIVITY	NO. OF YEARS	COMMENTS

**STATEMENT OF APPLICANT AND PARENT/ GUARDIAN**

*(These signatures are to be obtained prior to forwarding this application to high school officials.)*

We have examined this application and the records are true, complete and accurate.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)

**PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION AND SCHOLASTIC RECORD:**



*\*This page to be completed and signed by a guidance counselor or school official.  
Official transcripts must also be attached.*

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why do you think this student is a good fit for Youth Tour? (Why would you recommend him/her?)**

*\*If more space is needed, feel free to attach separate page.*

Please mark the scale that best describes this student:

CHARACTERISTIC	EXCELLENT	ABOVE AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BELOW	POOR
MATURITY					
COOPERATIVE NATURE					
POTENTIAL					
LEADERSHIP ABILITY					
DESIRE TO SUCCEED					
DESIRE TO EXCEL					
ATTITUDE					
SELF-CONFIDENCE					
SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY					
SOCIAL SKILLS					

Number of students in sophomore/junior class: Boys: \_\_\_\_\_ Girls: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please attach official transcripts indicating GPA.*



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### TEST ON COOPERATIVE KNOWLEDGE

Questions are based on the Online Orientation program located at [www.ohioec.org/orientation](http://www.ohioec.org/orientation).

Please circle the correct answer for each question.

- 1) President Theodore Roosevelt and the Supreme Court established the Rural Electrification Administration.

True

False

- 2) Seventy-seven of Ohio's 88 counties are served by electric cooperatives.

True

False

- 3) Only farms are served by electric cooperatives.

True

False

- 4) Co-op members must pass a test before joining an electric cooperative.

True

False

- 5) There are seven principles that guide electric cooperatives.

True

False

- 6) Co-op members elect their electric cooperative's board trustees.

True

False

- 7) Co-op trustees can change the cooperative's bylaws without notifying the members.

True

False

- 8) Co-op trustees must protect the cooperative and the interests of all members, and they also must ensure the cooperative operates in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

True

False

- 9) Electric co-ops' foundation as democratic institutions ensures that they adapt to new circumstances as their memberships grow and evolve.
- True False
- 10) Every year, at co-ops' annual meetings there is a lottery for the co-ops' leftover money.
- True False
- 11) Capital credits represent each member's investment in the cooperative, and are used to improve the distribution system.
- True False
- 12) There are nearly 1,000 electric cooperatives across the United States.
- True False
- 13) Electric cooperatives' boards of directors/trustees own the co-ops.
- True False
- 14) In the state of Ohio, electric cooperatives are subject to the regulatory authority of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).
- True False
- 15) The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) is the national association for electric co-ops.
- True False
- 16) Buckeye Power provides wholesale base-load power, renewable energy options, marketing services, and electric grid management services to electric cooperatives in Ohio.
- True False
- 17) Local electric co-ops require their members' children to participate in co-op youth programs so they learn not to waste energy.
- True False
- 18) Ohio's electric co-ops rarely provide grants to causes like food banks, community fire departments, schools, animal shelters, and parks because these things have nothing to do with electricity.
- True False

**Essay Questions: Please answer the following questions in the space provided.**

19) As electric co-op members, what makes you and your family different from customers of investor-owned or municipal power companies?

20) Explain why and how electric cooperatives were first formed.

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