



Youth Tour

(Sophomores and Juniors Only)

Deadline - February 2, 2012

Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2012 Government-In-Action Youth Tour
June 14-22, 2012

Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, Texas Electric Cooperative, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association will co-sponsor a tour of Washington, D.C., its monuments, the Capitol, Smithsonian Institute, and other historical and political sites. This year's delegates from our local area will join over 120 delegates from Texas. Together, they will visit important landmarks as they travel to our nation's capitol, where they will join over 1,200 delegates from across the nation. This will provide an avenue for each representative to learn and become familiar with our government's operation and history.

Contest Rules

- 1) This contest is open to sophomores and juniors, *living* in the system's service area and whose family is a member of Magic Valley Electric Cooperative.
- 2) Immediate families of Cooperative employees or directors are not eligible to enter.
- 3) Each contestant shall submit one completed application. Applications may be obtained from Magic Valley Electric Cooperative or your high school counselor's office.
- 4) Two letters of reference, one from a present teacher or principal, must accompany the application.
- 5) Mail the required application, permission form, and letters of reference to Magic Valley Electric Cooperative, PO Box 267, Mercedes, TX 78570, Attention: Business Development Department.
- 6) Entries must be received by February 2, 2012.
- 7) Five finalists will be chosen from all applications received. Interviews will be conducted with the five finalists. Both the application and interview will be considered in order to determine the winner.
- 8) Two winners and an alternate will be named. The alternate will be asked to represent the Cooperative in the event one of the two winners is unable to attend.
- 9) The winners will be presented at the Magic Valley Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting on April 16, 2012. Attendance by the winners is required.

Part 2 - Community Activities

List community activities and years of involvement in which you have participated, such as 4-H, church, community and service clubs:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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Please explain how you have contributed or can contribute to your community more effectively:

How did you find out about the Youth Tour Contest? _____

Part 3 - Questions (Attach additional sheets as necessary.)

When, why, and how were electric cooperatives established?

What are the differences between an electric cooperative, an Investor Owned Utility (IOU), and an electric municipality?

Signature

Date

Thank you for the time you have taken in order to fill this application out. Applications are due at the Cooperative office on or before February 2, 2012.

Parent or Guardian Permission Form

To: Magic Valley Electric Cooperative

I/We hereby give _____ permission to submit his/her name as an applicant to be considered for selection to represent Magic Valley Electric Cooperative at the 2012 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.

Signature

Date