WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR 2013

Each year, three local high school juniors are chosen to represent Palmetto Electric Cooperative in the Rural Electric Youth Tour, a weeklong educational trip to Washington, D.C. The Youth Tour gives students a chance to see government in action, visit historic sites and learn about electric cooperatives.

This year's trip is scheduled for June 15th- 20th, and is sponsored by Palmetto Electric and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. In addition, The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, Inc., will award a $2,500 scholarship to one of the South Carolina Youth Tour participants (Palmetto Electric has had three scholarship winners in the past five years). The recipient will be judged on an essay, an interview, and participation during the tour. SAT scores, class standing or grade point average **will not** be considered.

Applicants must meet the following qualifications and entry requirements.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2013.

MAIL TO: KRISTIN KELLER
PALMETTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
P.O. BOX 23619
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC 29925

A. Applicant must be a high school junior.
B. Applicant must complete an application form, submit **three** letters of reference and **include a recent photograph of yourself**.
C. If selected as a finalist, applicant must participate in a personal interview.
D. Applicant's primary residence must be served by Palmetto Electric Cooperative.
E. Finalists must meet additional requirements in order to compete for the $2,500 scholarship.

For more information or an application, contact Kristin Keller at Palmetto Electric at 681-0074 or 1-800-922-5551. Applications are also available at your local High School Guidance Office.

PALMETTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
2013 Youth Tour Program
Student Instructions

I. QUALIFICATIONS

A. Applicant must be a high school junior.
B. Applicant must complete an application form and contact references.
C. If selected as a finalist, applicant must participate in a personal interview. The interview portion of the contest is required.
D. Applicant's primary residence must be served by Palmetto Electric Cooperative.

II. REQUIREMENTS

A. An application and three letters of reference must be submitted.
B. A copy of the form entitled REFERENCE and an envelope addressed to Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. should be given to each reference. **References should be returned directly to Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. by Friday, March 1, 2013.**
C. Letters of reference shall be submitted from business or professional people such as clergymen, lawyers, bankers, farmers, or doctors. **Only one reference may be submitted by a school administrator or teacher.**
D. References and applications along with a photo should be completed as soon as possible and returned to: **Kristin Keller, Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc., P.O. Box 23619, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925**
DEADLINE: Friday March 1, 2013.
E. **Failure to meet all requirements will automatically disqualify your application.**

III. JUDGING

A. If preliminary judging is necessary, it will be conducted by members of PEC's Women Involved in Rural Electrification, (WIRE). The selection of finalists will be based on information received on the application.
B. Final judging will be based on school and community involvement, scholastic aptitude displayed, honors and awards received, reference recommendations, poise, communication skills and knowledge displayed in the interview. A panel of judges will ask questions concerning past experiences, future plans, and basic cooperative information. (Thirty percent of the applicant's score will be based on their knowledge of the cooperative program.) **Judging is tentatively scheduled to take place the week of March 11, at Palmetto Electric's facility on Hilton Head Island (111 Mathews Drive). The Youth Tour Coordinator will call each finalist to schedule interview times**.
C. Three winners will be selected as PEC representatives on the Washington Rural Electric Youth Tour. Alternates will be chosen in case one of the winners is unable to attend the tour.
D. Winners will be recognized at Palmetto Electric's Annual Meeting in Ridgeland on Saturday, May 4, 2013.

IV. SCHOLARSHIP

If selected as a Youth Tour representative, you will be eligible for a $2,500 scholarship from the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina. This organization will contact Youth Tour finalists regarding scholarship requirements.

2013
WASHINGTON RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR
JUNE 15 - 20, 2013

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

NAME: _____ SOC. SEC. # _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

PARENTS CELL PHONE: _____

Email Parent: _____ Email Student: _____

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU LIVE: _____

PART 1 - - SCHOOL RELATED

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL GRADE ENROLLED: _____ GRADE AVERAGE _____

MAJOR STUDY INTEREST: _____

CAREER GOAL: _____

List activities you have participated in and any special honors, awards, accomplishments, and elected positions you have received during your high school career (class officer, plays, athletics, music, etc.).

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PART II - - EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List extracurricular activities and years of involvement in which you have participated, such as the 4-H, FFA, church, community and service clubs. Indicate honors, awards, and accomplishments.

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Additional information, which may be of interest to those making the selection: _____

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PART III - - Section A

Please state why you would like to go to Washington, D.C. as a representative for Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. on the Washington Rural Electric Youth Tour. Your comments will be judged on content, composition, neatness and grammar. (Attach separate sheet if needed.)

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Section B - - References

References will be submitted by the following three people:

	Name	Address	Occupation & Daytime Phone#
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

My primary residence is served by Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.

_____ _____

Signature of Palmetto Electric Member (parent or guardian) Palmetto Electric Account #

_____

Signature of Applicant

REFERENCE

2013 Washington Youth Tour

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STUDENT'S NAME _____

How are you acquainted with this student?_____

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How long have you known this student? _____

Please evaluate this student on their ability to represent Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc. on the Washington Youth Tour.

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Signature: Occupation: Date

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Important Information About Your Local Cooperative

(30% of your score will come from your knowledge of the cooperative.)

1. Name of your local cooperative?
   Palmetto Electric Cooperative, Inc.

2. Palmetto Electric is associated with what national brand identity?
   Touchstone Energy®

3. Where are Palmetto Electric's offices located?
   Ridgeland, Hampton, Hilton Head, and New River

4. Number of members on the board of directors?
   12 (6 Beaufort County, 3 Jasper County, 3 Hampton County)

5. How is your cooperative governed?
   Members elect the board to set policy for the cooperative

6. Chairman of your board?
   Jeremiah Vaigneur, Jasper County

7. What is the number of consumers your cooperative serves?
   Approximately 67,000

8. When was your co-op first organized?
   1940

9. When and where is your co-op's annual meeting held this year?
   1st Saturday in May, Palmetto Electric Cooperative's headquarters facility in Ridgeland

10. What is the energy source of power for your local cooperative?
    Coal, hydro, and nuclear power

11. What company generates this power?
    Generated by Santee Cooper

12. What is the name of your co-op's statewide and national associations?
    The Electric Cooperatives of SC, Columbia, SC (Statewide)
    National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Washington, DC (National)

13. In which counties does your cooperative serve?
    Southern Beaufort, Hampton, Jasper

14. What is the biggest difference in a cooperative and an investor-owned utility?
    BONUS QUESTION

It would be to your advantage to be able to give further information on any of these questions, i.e. defining terms, etc. Further educational information may be obtained at your cooperative office, local and school libraries or past issues of Living in South Carolina.