

SOUTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR

"The trip of a lifetime"



We will select one recipient from
both the Childress and Spur Offices
and two from the Lubbock Division.

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TODAY!**



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at SPEC.coop/Youthtour
or scan the QR Code!



Contest Details

Eligibility

- Applicants must be a high school junior or senior.
- Applicants must be a member, a child or stepchild of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of the Cooperative; or person living in a home where the landlord is a member.
- Applicants must reside in the Cooperative's service area and attend a qualifying school. The qualifying schools are: Abernathy, Anton, Aspermont, Childress, Chillicothe, Coronado, Cotton Center, Crosbyton, Crowell, Estacado, Floydada, Frenship, Guthrie, Hale Center, Idalou, Jayton-Girard, Lorenzo, Lubbock-Cooper, Lubbock, Monterey, Motley Co., New Deal, New Home, Olton, Paducah, Patton Springs, Petersburg, Plainview, Post, Quanah, Ralls, Roosevelt, Ropesville, Rotan, Shallowater, Slaton, Southland, Smyer, Spur and Wilson. If you are attending a private school or are home-schooled, your application will be subject to eligibility verification.

Contest Rules

- Participants will be required to create an original video over the topic selected by the Co-op and submit a URL link to the video on the entry form. (Additional video requirements listed below.)
- Videos will be judged and five finalists from each contest will be notified of their interview date and time.
- Finalists will be required to appear before an independent panel of judges to discuss any of the sample questions.
- Finalists will have 5-7 minutes of interview time.

Video Requirements

- Applicants will be required to create an original video over the topic selected by the Co-op. (Multiple applicants can not submit the same video.)
- The topic for this year's contest is: What do you see are the greatest benefits of being a member of South Plains Electric Cooperative?
- Video must be no longer than 3 minutes long.
- Video must be uploaded to YouTube as an "unlisted" video. For instructions on how to upload a video, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6C4dEpTOrYg&t=1s>
- When uploading your video, under visibility and publish now, select "Unlisted".
- Applicants must include their name in the title of their video.
- Applicants must include the video URL on the entry form to be eligible.
- Example videos can be found at [SPEC.coop/youthtour](https://www.spec.coop/youthtour)

Contest Details, continued

Judging

- Participants will be judged based on knowledge of subject, presentation quality, creativity, how well they present themselves, their speaking ability, appearance, and poise.
- Five finalists from each contest will be selected from the video entries and will be notified to appear before an independent panel of judges to discuss any of the sample questions.
- One student from both the Childress and Spur contest and two students from the Lubbock contest will be selected to represent South Plains Electric Cooperative in Washington, D.C.

Deadlines, Locations, Dates and Times

- Entry form and video deadline – October 7, 2022; 5 p.m.
- Childress and Spur contest finalists will be notified by October 24, 2022; 5 p.m.
- Lubbock contest finalists will be notified by October 31, 2022; 5 p.m.
- Childress interviews – October 31, 2022; 7 p.m.; 1900 Ave. C NW in Childress
- Spur interviews – November 7, 2022; 7 p.m.; on FM 836 in Spur
- Lubbock interviews – November 14, 2022; 6:30 p.m.; 4727 S. Loop 289, Ste. 200, in Lubbock

Questions

- Questions should be addressed to Jill Reece at jreece@SPEC.coop or 806-775-7809.

Possible Interview Questions

Co-op Questions

1. What year was your cooperative formed?
2. How many directors serve on the board of directors of your cooperative?
3. About how many meters does your cooperative serve?
4. About how many members does your cooperative serve?
5. Your cooperative serves all or part of how many counties?
6. Where is the headquarters office of your cooperative?
7. What is the name of the generation and transmission cooperative from which your cooperative purchases wholesale electricity?
8. What is one of the Seven Cooperative Principles?
9. Who inspired the creation of Youth Tour?
10. How many years has Texas been participating in Youth Tour?
11. What is a difference between an electric cooperative and an investor-owned utility?
12. Ocean Spray is a cooperative business. Can you name other companies that follow the cooperative business model?
13. What do you think is the electric cooperative's responsibility in the community?

Personal Questions

1. Tell us about yourself and why you think you would be an ideal candidate to represent your cooperative in Washington, D.C.
2. What excites you the most about the possibility of going to Washington, D.C., on Youth Tour?
3. What do you do like to do for fun?
4. What are your education and career goals?
5. How would this opportunity help you achieve your life goals?
6. Have you traveled to Washington, D.C., or any other big city before?

Government Questions

1. Name the three branches of the federal government and explain the duties of each.
2. If you could ask your congressional representative one question, what would you ask and why?
3. If you could ask the president a question, what would you ask and why?
4. Who is your United States Representative?