

Morgan County Rural Electric Association



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Dear Students,

Morgan County REA wants to notify all potential applicants for the 2022 Youth Tour and Youth Camp of some requirements that have come to light since the applications were first posted. In order to attend the 2022 National Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington D.C., all students and chaperones must have received a COVID-19 vaccine. In addition to the vaccine, individuals must pass a rapid test for COVID-19 upon arrival in Denver, before flying to Washington D.C. Parents will need to attest to the health of the student before departure as well.

These requirements come to us from the state level, as the Colorado Rural Electric Association (CREA)—which is responsible for organizing and overseeing the trip for high schoolers from all of Colorado's electric cooperatives—is requiring these measures for participants. Certain venues in Washington D.C., such as the Kennedy Center, also require proof of vaccination. All other COVID-19 protocols (masks, sanitization, etc.) can be anticipated by anyone wanting to attend. The dates for next year's National Electric Youth Tour are June 12-19.

Morgan County REA has also been made aware of some additional measures required for the 2022 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Clark, CO. To attend the Leadership Camp, students and chaperones will be required to show a negative COVID-19 test taken three days or less before camp begins. Masks will not be required unless the group travels to a location requiring them. There will be an extra cabin or hotel room to serve as a sick bay. Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided for the students. Co-op employees or parents will be required to pick up sick students. The dates for next year's Camp are July 16-21.

While Morgan County REA appreciates the tremendous effort that CREA puts into hosting these experiences for our youth, these requirements are not at the advisement of Morgan County REA. While both trips present great opportunities to learn and meet new people, we understand the right of each student and his or her family to make the best decision for themselves.

Anyone still interested in attending in light of this new information is more than welcome to apply. The application deadline is still **Friday, December 17**, and all materials must be received to the MCREA office by **4:30 p.m.** We sincerely apologize for having to share this information after the initial applications were sent out. Please reach out with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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**MORGAN COUNTY REA
2022 YOUTH TOUR & YOUTH CAMP**

Application is open to sophomore, junior, and senior students who reside within MCREA's service territory & whose parents or grandparents are members of Morgan County REA.

Application and essay requirements:

1. Complete both pages of the application form.
2. Select one of the essay topics listed below. Write an essay on that topic; submit it in printed form, double-spaced, following the guidelines of MLA format and be approximately 500 words long. Print your name on the reverse side of the second page near the bottom. Your name should not appear on the front of either essay page.
3. Students are encouraged to illustrate their essays with freehand drawings or computer graphics.
4. Judging criteria for essays will be as follows:

40%.....Knowledge of subject
30%.....Originality
30%.....Composition, neatness, and grammar
5. Application (both pages, plus essay) must be received by 4:30 PM, Friday, December 17, 2021.

Mail or deliver to:
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6. Finalists may be required to participate in a personal interview for selection to Youth Tour and/or Youth Camp.

ESSAY TOPICS: (choose one)

- ✎ Discuss the nature and philosophy of a cooperative business, comparing/contrasting it with an investor-owned corporation.
- ✎ What does being an American mean to you?
- ✎ Explain what you think the biggest energy challenges will be for your generation, and how you and your electric cooperative can help meet those challenges.



**National Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour & Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp
Application Form**

This application is for both the Washington D.C. Youth Tour and the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. Applicants will be evaluated on the same criteria for both events. The most qualified applicant will be selected to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour. The next most qualified applicant will be selected to attend the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp.

Personal Information:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Address Mailing Address (if different)

City State ZIP Code

Cell Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian:

Name: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street Address Mailing Address (if different)

City State ZIP Code

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

MCREA Account #: _____

School Information:

Name of School: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ GPA (out of 4.0): _____

Major Study of Interest: _____

Acknowledgement: By signing, I attest that I have read and agree to adhere to the requirements discussed on page one of this application.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____



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Application Form (cont'd)

Extracurricular Activities - Academic, Sports, Etc. - Use additional sheet if necessary

Volunteer Activities - Use additional sheet if necessary

Hobbies & Special Interests - Use additional sheet if necessary
