



Win a Laptop!

2022
**OKLAHOMA
YOUTH TOUR**

Oklahoma Youth Tour offers real-world experience that could be helpful in job and college interviews, as well as valuable leadership and public speaking opportunities. It is a two-part competition open to high school juniors living and attending school in IEC's service area. Students participate by writing a speech about rural electric cooperatives. Then, five finalists deliver their speeches to judges. A winner is selected for an expenses-paid tour of Washington D.C. with winners from other Oklahoma co-ops. Due to the ongoing pandemic, IEC will be presenting the top two students with a laptop in lieu of the 2022 trip.



2022 SPEECH TOPIC

What is an electric cooperative?
How might electric vehicles affect co-ops in the future?

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ENTRY DEADLINE

March 10, 2022

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HOW TO ENTER

- Must be a high school junior in the IEC service area
- Type an original speech (500-1,000 words)
- Complete the entry form on our website

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Find full details at:
IECOK.com/youth-tour

Questions? Call 918-295-9556
or email bball@iecok.com



2022 Youth Tour Contest Rules

Two high school juniors from IEC's service area historically receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. as winners of the Youth Tour Contest. Two runners-up receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, which is near Steamboat Springs, Colo. **In 2022, due to uncertainty with the pandemic, IEC will be awarding a laptop to the top two highest-scoring finalists in lieu of the trip to Washington, D.C. and a \$200 scholarship to the runners-up.**

1. A student must currently be classified as a high school junior attending a school in IEC's service area. Homeschooled 11th-grade equivalents must reside in the IEC's service area. It is not necessary for the parents/guardians of the students to be members of Indian Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2. The student will be required to write an original speech of 500-1,000 words in length on the 2022 topic: **"What is an electric cooperative? How might electric vehicles affect co-ops in the future?"** Creativity is king for this year's topic. Your imagination is your only limitation. Use the linked study materials on our website to learn what an electric co-op is, then apply what you learned to the essay topic. Don't be afraid to be creative and dream up your own scenario for the future of co-ops and EVs.
3. Speeches are to be typed, double-spaced and one-sided. Each page should be numbered in the top right corner.
4. Attach a completed entry form. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAMES ON THE SPEECH ITSELF.** All judging is done on an anonymous basis and mailed to IEC at P.O. Box 49, Cleveland, OK 74020.
5. IEC supplies entry forms, contest rules and reference materials, including the history of IEC, are on our website at **iecok.com/youth-tour**. Students are encouraged to seek other sources of information on the Internet.
6. Presentation of speeches will be judged: (1) knowledge of subject, 40%; (2) originality, 30%; (3) composition, 15%; (4) grammar, spelling and punctuation, 15%.
7. Deadline for all essays to be received by IEC will be **noon on Thursday, March 10, 2022.**
8. The top four finalists will present their speeches to a judging panel. The top two highest-scoring finalists will be awarded laptop computers from IEC following the oral presentations. The other two finalists will receive \$200 scholarships. (Finalists' presentation/reception TBD due to pandemic)
9. Decisions of the judges are final.
10. Children of IEC employees and IEC Trustees **ARE NOT eligible** to participate in the Youth Tour contest.
11. Teachers are encouraged to use the contest as a class assignment.

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2022 Youth Tour Official Entry Form

My sponsoring electric cooperative is **Indian Electric Cooperative.**

I would like to qualify for this year's Youth Tour contest, sponsored by my local electric cooperative. I certify that I am a high school junior and understand that the material I submit in the speech contest becomes property of Indian Electric Cooperative for use at its discretion. I agree to abide by all rules of the contest and by the decisions rendered by the judges at all levels of the competition.

Please neatly print the following information:

First name _____ **Middle** _____ **Last** _____

Parent or guardian's name _____

Home mailing address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Birthdate _____ **Gender** _____

Phone _____ **Secondary phone** _____

Email address of student _____

Email address of parent/guardian _____

Name of school/teacher _____

Student signature _____