



2018 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour

Washington DC | June 2 - 6, 2018

- Sponsored by West Carolina Tel and National Telephone Cooperative Association's Foundation for Rural Service.
- June 2nd through June 6th, 2018.
- Student must be a rising high school senior (graduating in 2019) and must be under the age of 18 at the time of the tour.
- Student will be selected by WCTEL selection committee (all names/personal information will be removed from applications before selection committee reviews them ensuring a fair selection process).
- Student will be expected to abide by the NTCA conduct guidelines.
- **Legal Guardian must be a customer of West Carolina Tel.**
- Student will be required to tour West Carolina Tel's facilities before departure.
- Student will be required to report to the Board of Directors on their Washington experience.
- 25th year of participation by West Carolina Tel.
- Approximately 100 students from all over the United States will be participating.
- Focus will be on the critical role telecommunications plays in rural America and the impact policy development in the nation's capital has on this industry.
- Tour includes U.S. Capitol, U.S. Supreme Court, Federal Communications Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Smithsonian Institute, Arlington Cemetery, Roosevelt and Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument and several other landmarks.
- Meet with a member of Congress.
- Costs paid by West Carolina Tel include: registration, air fare, meals, transportation to all activities, admission tickets to all ticketed events, T-shirt, "yearbook" and \$100 spending money for souvenirs. Student is responsible for any other personal spending money.
- Will be met at airport by NTCA staff and will be chaperoned at all times. There will be 1 chaperone per approximately 5 students.



Application Form
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Name of Applicant (as it appears on driver's license): _____

Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s): _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Number(s): _____

(applicant's cell and alternate, such as home or parent cell)

Email Address: _____

WCTEL Customer? Yes No *You must be a WCTEL customer to qualify

Date of Birth: _____ (Must be 16 or 17 at the time of the tour.)

Name of High School: _____

Essay: Each applicant is required to complete a one-page 200-word minimum essay (double-spaced, typed) addressing the following question:

- What is a cooperative and how do cooperatives impact the community?

Applicant Profile: Each applicant must submit a one-page Applicant Profile. It must be a typed list showing the applicant's participation in high school and community activities, including years of participation.

FRS Youth Tour applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2018.
Completed applications should include: Application Form, Essay, and Applicant Profile.
No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

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