2027 Youth Tour Application

June 15–23, 2027 | Austin, TX & Washington, D.C.

About Youth Tour:

The Government-in-Action: Youth Tour is an educational leadership program sponsored by electric cooperatives across the nation. Selected students have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., meet elected officials, learn about the cooperative business model, explore our nation's history, and develop leadership skills while representing Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative.

- Two (2) students who are currently high school juniors and whose parent or guardian is a member of BCEC will be selected to attend Youth Tour June 15-23, 2027, at no cost to the delegate.
- To qualify for consideration as a Delegate, the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s) ***must receive electric service from Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative.*** Students must also fully complete the following application and sign the Agreement for Consideration found at the end of the document. Previous Youth Tour delegates are ineligible.
- Completed applications & all other required documents may be submitted to Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative, Attn: Marketing, PO Box 47, Douglassville, TX 75560 or by email to devins@bcec.com. Applications may also be dropped off at our office at 117 North Street, Douglassville. **Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2027.**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Devin Skaggs at 903-846-8020 or devins@bcec.com

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:_____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address:_____

_____ **TX** _____

City State Zip

Email: _____ Contact Phone #: _____

Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative Account Information:

Name: _____ Account Number:_____

Your relationship to the Bowie-Cass Account Holder mentioned above: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____ Contact Phone# _____

Email: _____ Secondary Phone#_____

Parent/Guardian Information: *(cont.)*

Name: _____ Contact Phone# _____

Email: _____ Secondary Phone# _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Applicant's High School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Current Grade Level (Jr., Sr., etc.): _____ Grade Average (GPA): _____

School Counselor: _____ Email: _____

School/Organization Extracurricular Activities

List high school activities, including leadership positions, organizations, class offices, athletics, academic awards, clubs, and other school-related involvement. Please attach a separate page for longer responses.

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Civic and Other Activities

List community service, volunteer work, church activities, employment, and other civic involvement. Please attach a separate page for longer responses.

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Goals and Aspirations after High School

Briefly describe your intended path after graduation and any goals that you hope to achieve.

PREVIOUS CO-OP YOUTH PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Have you previously attended ETREYS (East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar)?

☐ **Yes** **If yes:**

Year Attended: _____ Did you serve as a Youth Director? **Y or N**

☐ **No**

Briefly describe how ETREYS impacted you or what you learned from the experience:

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please answer each question listed below. Responses should be approximately 250-500 words each. All questions must be answered. Please attach a separate page with your application for longer responses.

1. What leadership qualities do you possess, and how have you demonstrated them in your school, community, or personal life?

2. Why do you want to represent Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative on the Government-in-Action: Youth Tour?

3. How would you use the Youth Tour experience to benefit your school and community?

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Provide **two (2) letters of recommendation** from a professional, non-family member, such as a teacher, principal, counselor, coach, employer, pastor, or community leader.

APPLICANT PHOTO

Please attach a recent, clear headshot photo for use in Youth Tour promotions and cooperative publications. This should be similar to a yearbook photo. No photocopies, please. Photo must be high-resolution and suitable for reproduction in cooperative publications.

Your photo may also be submitted digitally to *devins@bcec.com*. Please ensure that your name is included in the photo file name.

DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITIES

Students selected to represent Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative on Youth Tour are expected to fully participate in the program and serve as positive representatives of the Cooperative and their communities. The following responsibilities are required of all selected delegates:

- Conduct themselves in a respectful manner and represent Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative in a positive way throughout the trip.
- **Attend a follow-up meeting of the Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative Board of Directors and provide a brief presentation about their Youth Tour experience, including what they learned and how the trip impacted them.**

AGREEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Government-in-Action: Youth Tour, the Applicant and Parent/Guardian acknowledge and agree by their signatures below as follows:

- They have reviewed all information provided in this Application and certify that such information is true and correct.
- They authorize Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative to verify information contained in this application.
- They understand that if any information in this Application is found to be inaccurate or misleading, or if Application is incomplete or submitted after the deadline, it may not be considered.
- They consent to the Applicant's name, photograph, and likeness being used in connection with Youth Tour promotions, publications, social media, and cooperative communications.
- They understand and agree to the Delegate Responsibilities, including attending a follow-up Board of Directors meeting and providing a presentation if selected.

Applicant Name (Printed): _____ Applicant Name (Signed): _____

Guardian Name (Printed): _____ Guardian Name (Signed): _____

Date: _____

Applications will be reviewed by Bowie-Cass Electric Cooperative, and selected delegates will be notified following the selection process in early 2027.