


APPLICATION PACKET



Joe Wheeler EMC

A Touchstone Energy[®] Cooperative 

Youth Tour 2009 Application

Contact Information

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Name you prefer to be called _____ Home Phone _____

Gender M F Race (optional) _____ Birthdate _____

School _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Golf Shirt Size S M L XL XXL Date _____

School Information

Please list any other schools you have attended:

List up to 3 special awards, honors or recognitions for academic, school, or community-related activities you have received from the 7th through the 11th grade.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Organizations and Activities

Please list, in order of importance to you, up to five (5) school, volunteer, religious, social, athletic, or other activities or organizations in which you have participated during the last four years.

Organization/Activity	Grade in School	Leadership Involvement
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1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Work Experience

Please list any part-time job experience, paid or volunteer, and briefly tell what it involved.

Do you currently have a part-time job? Yes No Hours/week? _____

Would your job interfere with your attendance at Youth Tour 2009? Yes No

General Information

Using a few phrases or adjectives, please describe yourself.

What three (3) things concern you most about life in Lawrence and/or Morgan County?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

From the following list of topics, rank the five (5) in which you are most interested, with one (1) being the most interested, and five (5) being the least interested.

_____ Community Service

_____ Cultural Arts

_____ Justice System, Law, Politics

_____ Community Unity

_____ Education

_____ Health Care

_____ State/Local Government

_____ Economic Development

What else would you like to tell us about yourself?

Questions

Please write specific answers to the following three questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1) Explain the differences between electric cooperatives and investor owned utilities. What are the seven cooperative principles that make electric cooperatives stand out?
- 2) Define "electric cooperative" and explore the differences between a co-op and other types of businesses. Describe how co-ops were formed and the resulting impact on their formation on the standard of living in rural America.
- 3) Why should we choose you to be a Youth Tour Participant?

References

Please give one reference form to your principal, headmaster, or counselor. Give the second one to an adult who knows you well who is not a parent or relative. (ex. teacher, scout leader, etc.) If this is your first year at your current school, give the second reference to a teacher, principal, etc. from your previous school.

- 1) Name of Principal, Headmaster, or Counselor _____
Mailing Address _____ ZIP _____
Telephone Number _____
- 2) Name of Reference _____
Position or Title _____
School, Firm or Organization _____
Mailing Address _____ ZIP _____
Telephone Number _____

Attendance

100% attendance is expected of each participant and school attendance credit will be granted for school-day session attended.

If selected, do you make a commitment to attend each one of the sessions? Yes No

Signature of Youth Tour Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Applications will be reviewed in confidence. SELECTION COMMITTEE'S DECISION IS FINAL.
ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE COMMITTEE'S DECISION.

RETURN TO: Joe Wheeler EMC
Benita Owens
P.O. Box 460
Trinity, AL 35673



To The Applicant

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ ZIP Code _____

Waiver of Access:

I, the undersigned, waive the right of personal access to the reference. Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____

To The Reference

The person named above is an applicant for the Montgomery/Washington DC Youth Tour Program. The selection committee attaches considerable weight to the statements made by the reference of the applicant. The committee is aware of the time needed to prepare such an assessment and gratefully acknowledges your help.

Name of Reference _____

Position or Title _____

School, Firm, or Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number _____

1) For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2) What do you consider to be the applicant's primary talents or strengths?

3) What do you consider to be the applicant's chief weaknesses?

4) Please comment on the applicant's relationship with his or her peers.

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Important Dates

Youth Tour Applications are due on or before January 16, 2009.

The following checklist may help ensure that your application packet is complete.

- All 3 pages of your application are completed.
- Your essay is written on a separate sheet of paper and attached to your application.
- Both reference forms have been distributed to the appropriate references.

Montgomery Youth Tour - March 4 - March 6

Washington D.C. Youth Tour - June 14 - June 19

Please do not apply unless you will be able to attend.

2009 Youth Tour delegates will be asked to attend a banquet in their honor after their participation has been confirmed. More details about the banquet will be available at a later date to students selected as delegates.

Of the delegates to the Montgomery Youth Tour, four will be chosen to attend the Washington D.C. Youth Tour. These four delegates are eligible to apply to represent the state of Alabama at the Youth Leadership Council. Please read about the YLC below.

Youth Leadership Council

Each year, representatives of the cooperative community's brightest youth gather in Washington, DC for the annual Youth Leadership Conference. Each youth is chosen by his or her state delegation, while attending the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, DC, to represent his or her state on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC).

The purpose of the YLC conference is to build leadership skills, public speaking skills, and enhance the delegates' knowledge of the energy industry and the cooperative form of business. These students also make presentations at their statewide and local cooperative annual meetings.

A benefit to serving on the YLC is that the representatives are given the opportunity to attend and participate in the NRECA resolutions process during NRECA's Annual Meeting. Also, the YLC selects a national spokesperson to address the membership at the NRECA Annual Meeting and the Youth Tour delegates the following year.