



Sponsored by Firelands Electric Cooperative and Ohio's Electric Cooperatives

YOUTH TOUR EXPERIENCE 2017 QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES

I. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Must be classified as a high school sophomore or junior as of February 1, 2017 and not eligible for a high school diploma before May/June 2018.
2. Must be the son, daughter, or legal ward of a residential member of Firelands Electric Cooperative, and living in a home served by the cooperative.
3. Must be willing to submit a health and medical authorization form, along with a parental permission form, if declared a winner.
4. Members of the immediate families and persons residing in the households of trustees, manager, or employees of Firelands Electric Cooperative, Inc. or Ohio's Electric Cooperatives are not eligible.

II. SELECTION PROCEDURES:

1. Youth Tour winners are selected by evaluation of the information included on the application form and in the written essay. The 2017 application can be downloaded and completed from Firelands' website (www.FirelandsEC.com). Copies are also available at high school guidance offices.

Applications and materials must be received in the Firelands Electric Cooperative office by 5 p.m. on February 1, 2017.

2. Candidates will be evaluated on the following:
 - Personal Achievement and School & Community Activities
 - Demonstrated Leadership (activities, offices held, etc.)
 - Cooperative Knowledge & Written Essay
3. Up to two candidates will be selected to represent Firelands Electric on the **Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 9-15, 2017**. Two runners up will also be selected and will be offered the opportunity to go on the tour if the first place candidate(s) cannot go. Find more information on this all-expenses-paid trip at www.electric.coop. (Scroll down to "Youth Tour Resources" to find helpful links.)
5. Candidate(s) representing Firelands Electric Cooperative are strongly encouraged to compete during the Youth Tour for election to represent Ohio on the National Rural Electric Association (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council. Well-qualified, well-prepared candidates who are friendly, outgoing, and positive have an excellent chance of being selected by their fellow students for this additional honor. Only one representative from each state is elected to the council. Additional information is available on NRECA's [website](http://www.nreca.org).

Please contact Firelands Electric's Member Services Dept. at 1-800-533-8658 or members@firelandsec.com with any questions.