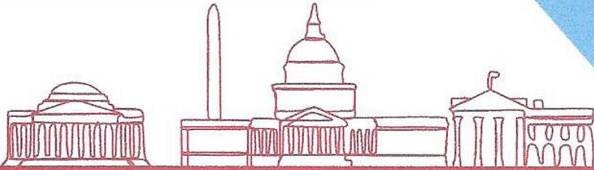




LEADERSHIP.
FRIENDSHIPS.
LIFE CHANGING.



2023 OKLAHOMA YOUTH TOUR

JUNE 16-22, 2023

ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP

The Oklahoma Rural Electric Youth Tour is an annual, weeklong, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., that is open to select high school juniors (seniors-to-be) who attend schools located in co-op service areas.



LEADERSHIP

Youth Tour builds relationship and leadership skills pertinent for your future.



EXPLORE

Tour our Nation's Capital by seeing historic monuments, memorials, museums, the White House and much more!



CONNECT

Connections and relationships will form during the weeklong trip creating everlasting friendships. Students will meet and interact with Oklahoma Legislators and will learn the importance of current issues and policies.

APPLY . . . TODAY

IT'S FREE! Oklahoma's electric cooperatives sponsor each student. Sponsorship covers: flight, room and board, tour admissions, meals and MORE!

POWERED BY OKLAHOMA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES

Contact Cyndi Mitchell at Kay Electric: 580-363-1260 or
cmitchell@kayelectric.coop or visit our website at www.kayelectric.coop
to learn more.



Kay Electric Cooperative's 2023 Youth Tour Contest

Dear Teachers and Students:

Kay Electric Cooperative in Blackwell, Oklahoma, is once again sponsoring its **Annual Essay Contest** for all **High School Juniors**.

FOUR ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIPS AND \$1,000 IN CASH PRIZES

- ⇒ Two contestants will win a trip to Washington, D.C., for the “*Rural Electric Youth Tour*”, **June 16-22, 2023**.
- ⇒ Two contestants will win a trip to Steamboat Springs, CO, for the “*Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp*”, **July 14-20, 2023**.
- ⇒ Four cash prizes totaling \$1,000.

The top eight finalists on the written portion of the competition will interview with three judges on Tuesday, **February 28, 2023**. Following the oral competition, we will have a banquet for all contestants, their family and teachers in the Kay Room at the Kay Electric headquarters where we will name the winners of the all expense paid trips to the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. and the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The students winning 3rd and 4th place will win cash prizes.

If the student is chosen as one of the eight finalists, they **must accept** one of the eight awards, which will be determined by experienced judges. Entering the contest for the cash prize only is highly discouraged, as finalists do not know the outcome of their award until the evening of the banquet on **February 28, 2023**. **Once a student is chosen for one of the trips at the banquet, it is unacceptable to opt-out.** This would be unfair to other students who might have been able to attend the banquet and receive the award. The Washington, D.C. and Steamboat Springs winners will be required to participate in the trips. Both trips all expense paid trips are a chance of a lifetime! Please consider the requirements *before* entering the contest. **The deadline for all essays is Friday, January 13, 2023.** The essays must be delivered by mail or hand delivered to Kay Electric Cooperative by this date.

For more information, contact Cyndi Mitchell at Kay Electric Cooperative (580) 363-1260 or cmitchell@kayelectric.coop

Kay Electric

Essay Contest Details

Write your essay on one of the following topics:

- (1) *The Impact of Electric Vehicles on the Future of Electric Cars.*
- (2) *Benefits of Electric Vehicles*
- (3) *Persuasive Essay on Electric Vehicles*

Assignment:

Contestants should submit a 500-600 word typed, creative essay on the above topic. **On a separate cover sheet, include the following information: Your name and address, telephone number, parents' names, school, teacher's name and title of your essay. Also, include the title at the TOP OF PAGE ONE of your essay. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY PART OF THE ESSAY. ONLY ON THE COVER SHEET.**

Include your formal resume with picture either on the essay or attached.

Mail Essays To:

Kay Electric Cooperative
c/o Cyndi Mitchell
300 West Doolin
P.O. Box 607
Blackwell, OK 74631

Or email to cmitchell@kayelectric.coop

Entry Deadline:

Essays must be received in the Kay Electric Cooperative office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023.

How Written Essays Will Be Scored:

There are 100 points possible based on five areas:

1. Knowledge of subject
2. Originality
3. Content (ability to adhere to topic)
4. Composition
5. Grammar, Spelling and Neatness

How Winners are Chosen:

Each finalist's combined written score will be added to each of the three judges' scores for a final contest score. The winners will be announced the evening of **February 28, 2023** as Kay Electric's essay winners. There will be two trips awarded to Washington D.C. on the Cooperative Youth tour, two trips awarded to Steamboat Springs, Colorado on the Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, and 4 cash prizes.

Do I Have To Be In an Organized High School Class to Enter?

No! You may enter this contest on your own by following the procedures on this sheet. There have been several independent entries (including home school students) over the years that have made the finals. Home school students are encouraged to enter the competition.



KAY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BLACKWELL, OKLAHOMA

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ESSAY SCORING

Written Essay (100 points possible)

Knowledge of subject: **30 points**

Demonstrates a basic understanding of the Rural Electric program as it relates to the topic.

Originality **30 points**

Essay shows thought.

Content (ability to adhere to topic) **20 points**

Essay clearly elaborates on the topic chosen with facts to back up the writer's opinions.

Composition **10 points**

Essay is composed in an organized format, flows well, and has good transitions.

Grammar, Spelling and Neatness **10 points**

Words, sentences, and paragraphs follow the standard rules of grammar; words are spelled correctly, and essay is typed or computer generated without messy corrections.

Oral Presentation (100 points possible)

Interview – Poise & Personality **40 points**

Student is able to speak clearly, has eye contact and expression, and speaks with confidence.

Knowledge of Subject **30 points**

Demonstrates a basic understanding of the Rural Electric program as it relates to the topic.

Presentation of Self **30 points**

Neat appearance, demonstrates a positive attitude and poise, seems excited to be a part of the contest, and exhibits a strong desire to be chosen as a delegate for the Rural Electric Youth Tour or Leadership Camp.

2023
STUDENT ACTIVITY SHEET
Kay Electric Cooperative Sponsored

STUDENT ACTIVITY SHEET IS DUE WITH ESSAY - FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

Information MUST match your form of identification.

NAME _____ AGE: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

ADDRESS _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

SCHOOL: _____ PRINCIPAL _____

ENGLISH TEACHER _____ PHONE _____

STUDENT'S CELL PHONE: ____/____/____ SHIRT SIZE: _____

STUDENT E-MAIL _____

PARENTS' NAME(s): Guardian(s) _____

HOME PHONE: ____/____/____ GENDER: Male / Female

PARENTS' or Guardian's Cell Phone: ____/____/____

PARENTS' or Guardian's E-mail: _____

List special activities in which you have participated:

What offices have you held in which organizations?

What honors have you received?

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What are your hobbies, talents, special interests?

What are your educational and/or career plans?

Additional information or comments:

Pictures of winners will be used in the *Cooperator* newsletter, the KEC website, Facebook, and possibly other media resources.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

RETURN FORMS ALONG WITH ESSAY TO:

Cyndi Mitchell
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MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I understand that through my participation in the Kay Electric Cooperative Essay competition, my name, image and information provided by me to the cooperative may be used in various forms of media (print, video, web, etc.).

I hereby consent and authorize the use of my image and information by Kay Electric Cooperative and anyone authorized by Kay Electric Cooperative.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Printed Name: _____

Please return this form along with your essay and Student Activity Sheet