

# WASHINGTON, D.C.

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## What's Available?

Win an all-expense-paid week-long trip including transportation to Washington, D.C. Blue Ridge Electric winners will also be eligible to compete for three college scholarships totaling \$6,500 available only to 2012 North Carolina Youth Tour winners.

## Who's Eligible?

The Washington Youth Tour is open to high school juniors in Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany counties. Parents of applicants should be active members in good standing whose local address is their primary residence. One winner per county will be selected to attend the Washington Youth Tour scheduled this year on June 16-22.

## Easy Application Guidelines:

1. Write a letter to any elected official about something you are interested in. You may choose to write in favor or in opposition to an issue. You may choose to write your local county commissioners; your state senator; or even the President or elected officials in Washington. Your letter must be typed and will be judged on style, content and demonstrated passion for your selected issue.
2. Fill out the application form on the reverse side of this page, and attach it to a copy of your assignment letter.
3. **Deadline: March 15, 2012.** Your application and assignment letter must be received by 5 PM on March 15. Fax applications will not be accepted. Finalists will be selected by March 20 and will be contacted for an interview at your Blue Ridge Electric local office. Interviews will last approximately 30 minutes and represent 50 percent of the selection process. Interviews will be completed by end of March.
4. Only one student from each of our four primary districts will be eligible to attend. Blue Ridge Electric reserves the right not to select a student based on academic performance, assignment completion or interview process.

## More Information About the Selection Process:

Blue Ridge Electric is seeking mature high school students with a passion for leadership who can demonstrate that passion on paper and in person. However, instead of a typical essay requirement, we have simplified the application process to a single letter written to any elected official about a topic that is important to them. It can be a letter to their local school board or mayor; to their local congressman or governor, or even to the President of the United States. We just want to see how well they can articulate their interests and opinions.

Students interested in the political process or leading change have benefited the most from the Washington Youth Tour. In addition to being a lot of fun and meeting new friends, the Youth Tour is a great leadership opportunity for any young man or woman. Finally, college bound students will have an excellent opportunity to compete for three very limited college scholarships offered exclusively to the 40-50 Youth Tour participants.

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Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation Washington Youth Tour

Personal Information

Name FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Name you go by Age Date of Birth

Address STREET/ROUTE CITY STATE ZIP

County Congressional District #

Home Phone Cell Phone E-Mail

School Grade Name of School

College or University you plan to attend

Course of study you plan to major in

Current GPA School Ranking

If employed, place of employment

- Please list on a separate sheet of paper: School activities/clubs, and number of years involved Academic and school honors; scholarships received Involvement in church/community Special interests, hobbies, talents

Family Information

Name of Parents or Guardians: Please circle all that are appropriate:

Father/Stepfather FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Mother/Stepmother FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Other FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Are your parents/guardians members of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation? Yes No

Blue Ridge Electric account number

Member's name on the account

In the event you are selected, how would you like your parents names listed?

Winners will be announced by March 30.

Please return completed application to: Grey Scheer, Director of Community Relations Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation PO Box 112, Lenoir, NC 28645