

High School Juniors and Seniors can win an all-expense paid weeklong trip to

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 15-21, 2026

2026 YOUTH TOUR



Six winners will be chosen to represent **Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc.** on the 2026 Government-in-Action Youth Tour.

The contest is open to high school juniors and seniors whose parents or legal guardians are members of Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. Please submit a two page essay on the following topic:

All cooperatives are built on a foundation of seven principles. Please identify one of these principles and describe how Jemez Mountains Electric is positively affecting the local community.

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**Jemez Mountains Electric
Cooperative, Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

2026 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Essay Contest

Official Entry Form

Entry Deadline: January 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

JMEC account number: _____

Applicant Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Guidelines for essay submissions:

- Essays must be two pages in length.
- Essays must have clear flow, be grammatically correct and free of any spelling errors.
- Essays must be on topic and researched, with sources cited in APA format.

Please send a copy of your unofficial transcript with the application.

Return application and essay by mail or drop off at the JMEC Espanola, Cuba or Jemez Springs offices:

Jemez Mountains Electric Foundation
Scholarship Application
Attn: Tina Trujillo Archuleta
P. O. Box 128
Espanola, NM 87532

Or email with "Youth Tour Application" in subject line to ttrujillo@jemezcoop.org

Student Release

Selection will be made without regard to the applicant's race, color, ethnicity religion, gender, or physical handicap. A maximum of (6) winners from Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc. (JMEC) will be selected for the Washington, D.C. trip. Selection is based on the completed application and essay process. The delegates selected to represent JMEC are required to travel with their state delegation for the full tour. The delegates are not allowed to travel independently from the delegation to, from or during the trip to Washington, D.C., except in the case of an emergency. In the event of an emergency, arrangements must be approved, and it will be coordinated through the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NMRECA).

I certify that the information contained in this application is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I further authorize release of my name and photos in connection with announcements of Youth Tour awards in the event that I am selected to be an JMEC Youth Tour delegate.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE

I hereby grant permission for (name of student) _____ to enter the JMEC Government-In-Action Youth Tour competition. I authorize release of the name and photos of my child in connection with announcements of Youth Tour awards in the event that he/she is selected to be a JMEC Youth Tour delegate. I understand that my child must attend the entire Youth Tour and travel both to and from Washington, D.C. with the state delegation. Only in the event of an emergency will my child be able to leave the tour. I understand that coordination of my child's return in the event of an emergency will be coordinated through the NMRECA.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____