

Electric Cooperative **YOUTH TOUR**

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION 2026

NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (NRECA) YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM

In addition to attending the 2026 Youth Tour, students are encouraged to apply for a position on NRECA's Youth Leadership Council (YLC). The YLC is made up of one delegate from each state.

These leaders will return to Washington, D.C., July 20-24, 2026, for a four-day program, called Basecamp, which will prepare them for their year of service. Basecamp includes hands-on workshops, meetings with NRECA's leaders and team-building activities. Over the next year, the YLC delegates will also meet virtually and participate in community activities.

This annual leadership experience includes the 2027 NRECA PowerXchange and Tech Advantage in San Diego, Calif. Here, the group will reflect on their experiences, attend informational and entertaining conference sessions, meet electric cooperative leaders from across the country, and strengthen lifelong friendships and connections!

To apply, please complete this form and return to Pamela Clark-Stein at pstein@ndarec.com. **The deadline for applying for the North Dakota YLC delegate position is May 29. Applicants will be scheduled for in-person interviews on June 13 before the North Dakota Youth Tour orientation.**

All travel will be paid for by the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC) and NRECA. Meals, lodging and entertainment are all covered!

YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

July 20-24, 2026

YLC Basecamp, Washington, D.C.

Feb. 9, 2027

2027 NDAREC Annual Meeting, Mandan

Provide Youth Leadership Council report

Feb. 12-17, 2027

2027 NRECA PowerXChange in San Diego, Calif.

PLEASE PROVIDE REQUESTED INFORMATION USING THE FILLABLE BLANKS PROVIDED.

Application form must be emailed to Pamela Clark-Stein at pstein@ndarec.com by May 29.

Name: _____ Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Birth date: _____ Age: _____

Shirt size: SM MED LG XLG XXLG (Please select your shirt size)

Place of birth: _____

Parents/Guardians names and phone numbers: _____

Parents mailing address: _____

Emergency contact (other than parents): _____

City & airport closest to your home: _____
Please be as precise as possible. If you are not sure, talk to your parents.

Approximate driving time to airport: _____

Local newspaper (name & address): _____

SPONSORING LOCAL COOPERATIVE INFORMATION

Name of cooperative: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Contact person at cooperative: _____

Person to contact at NDAREC: **Pamela Clark-Stein** office: (701) 667-6408; cell: (701) 220-4041; pstein@ndarec.com

PART I – SCHOOL RELATED

Name of school: _____

School address: _____

School phone: _____

Principal's name: _____ Guidance counselor: _____

School grade enrolled in: _____

Scholastic standing last year: _____

Major study interest: _____

Career goal: _____

List activities you have participated in and any special honors you have received during your high school attendance, such as class officer, plays, music, athletics, etc.

Activity: _____ Years: _____

Remarks: _____

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PART II – EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List extracurricular activities and years of involvement in which you have participated, such as 4-H, FHA, FFA, church, community and service clubs.

Activity: _____ Years: _____

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Please list any public speaking experience: _____

Please list any writing experience, such as school newspaper, yearbook, etc. _____

Tell us why you're interested in serving as North Dakota's Youth Leadership Council delegate: _____

Additional information which you believe may be of interest to those making selection: _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Please print applicant's name

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM
TO: SPONSORING COOPERATIVE, NDAREC AND NRECA**

I/We hereby give _____ permission to submit his/her name as a candidate for selection as a member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council, and if selected, give him/her permission to travel as required.

Parent or guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Completed application form must be signed and returned by Friday, May 29.