

2011 FRS Youth Tour

Rural Telephone would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the 2011 Youth Tour sponsored by the Foundation for Rural Service and Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc. This tour invites high school students to Washington D.C. to learn about the telecommunications industry and government processes. The tour also provides students the opportunity to spend four days visiting historic sites in the nation's capital and to meet students from other areas of the country.

Rural Telephone will incur the \$925 registration fee, which covers all Washington, D.C.-based expenses. In addition, Rural Telephone will make travel arrangements and provide a \$150 spending allowance. Applicants for the youth tour must be in high school at an accredited secondary school, have a telephone prefix listed on the attached Exchange Area List, and be age 16 or 17 at the time of the Youth Tour. The Tour will be held June 4-8, 2011.

The attached application form and guidelines have been prepared to assist students in completing the application process. Please submit the following documents to the attention of Cindy Wegener, Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc., P.O. Box 158, Lenora, Kansas 67645, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 11, 2011:

- A completed application form that includes student information and applicant profile.
- Two letters of recommendation from school staff or community members supporting the student's performance and achievements in school and community projects.
- An essay identifying and discussing a significant problem facing their community, including an opinion on what steps should be taken to address the problem and how youth could be involved in this process.

If you have questions, please contact Cindy Wegener at 877.567.7872.

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Application Form

Name of Applicant (as it appears on driver's license): _____

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Present School: _____

Eligibility: Applicants for the Youth Tour must be in high school at an accredited secondary school, have a telephone prefix listed on the attached Exchange Area List, and be age 16 or 17 at the time of the Youth Tour. The tour will be held June 4-8, 2011.

Cost: Rural Telephone will incur the \$925 registration fee, which covers all Washington, D.C.-based expenses, including: lodging (four nights at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, VA, two students per room), three meals a day, bus transportation to all activities, admission to ticketed events, special entertainment, airport greeting and transportation, gratuities, a Youth Tour t-shirt, student 'yearbook', student dance with DJ and all supplies and materials. In addition, Rural Telephone will coordinate travel arrangements, incurring the cost for airfare, and providing a \$150 spending allowance.

Essay: Each applicant is required to complete a typed, double-spaced essay that will be evaluated on technical accuracy (spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.) and how clearly the student addresses the following:

- Identify and discuss a significant problem facing your community. In your opinion, what steps should be taken to address this problem? How could youth be involved in this process?

Applicant Profile: The Applicant Profile should be typed and attached to the application form. It shall list the applicant's participation in high school and community activities, including years of participation (i.e. Band-2 years; Future Farmers of America-4 years):

- Awards/Honors
- Offices/Leadership Roles
- Clubs/Organizations
- Athletics
- Other School Activities (i.e., band, yearbook, foreign language, speech)
- Community, Church, Civic Involvement/Volunteerism
- Work Experience

Letter of Nomination and Recommendation: Students are required to include two letters of recommendation from school staff or community members supporting the student's performance and achievements in school and community projects.

Application Deadline Date: March 11, 2011, 5:00 p.m.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be received at the business office in Lenora, Kansas, on or before 5:00 p.m., March 11, 2011. Applications sent via facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted. Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified. Please mail completed applications to the following address:

Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc.
Attn: Cindy Wegener
P.O. Box 158
Lenora, KS 67645

Rural Telephone

Exchange Areas

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Telephone Prefix</u>
Agra	638
Alton	984
Athol	695
Bogue	421
Burr Oak	647
Collyer	769
Courtland	374
Damar	839
Downs	454
Edmond	622
Esbon	725
Galatia	935 (Area Code 620)
Gaylord	697
Gove	938
Grainfield	673
Hill City	421
Ionia	786
Jennings	678
Kensington	476
Lebanon	389
Lenora	567
Logan	689
Long Island	854
N. Long Island	859 (Area Code 308)
Morland	627
Natoma	885
Olmitz	586 (Area Code 620)
Osborne	345, 346
Palco	737
Park	673
Prairie View	973
Quinter	754
Republic	361
Rexford	687
Russell	441, 445, 483
Selden	386
Victoria	735
WaKeeney	743
Webber	753
Woodruff	653
N. Woodruff	652 (Area Code 308)
Woodston	994
Zurich	662