

BLACK RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR ESSAY CONTEST RULES

ELIGIBILITY

The Youth Tour Essay Contest is open to high school juniors attending school or living in the Black River Electric Cooperative service area. *Immediate family members of BREC employees and Directors are ineligible.*

HOW TO ENTER

1. Submit an original essay (500-1,000 words) on the topic:

Black River Electric is a member owned rural electric cooperative organized in 1938 by farmers who were passionate about bringing electricity to their local rural areas when no one else would do so.

Part 1: “My Passion” Tell us what you are passionate about and why. A career path? A charity? A hobby? A sport?

Part 2: Discuss a short history of Black River Electric Cooperative and how being a member of an electric cooperative is different from being a customer of another type of electric utility. What are the advantages?

2. Complete an application and student profile. The forms are available from your school’s English teacher or by calling BREC at 1-800-392-4711.

RULES

1. Reference material may be taken from the internet, public or school libraries, personal interviews or other generally accepted research material.
2. Typed essays are preferred, but neatly handwritten entries are acceptable. Use one side of the paper.
3. Attach a **separate** title page with:
Your Name
Address
Phone Number
School Name

4. Essays must be postmarked by **March 6, 2020**. Mail entries to:
Youth Tour Essay Contest
Black River Electric Cooperative
P.O. Box 31
Fredericktown, Missouri 63645

SELECTION

1. Nine finalists, three from each of the three BREC Districts, will be chosen by a selection committee. *(BREC reserves the right to redefine the areas to allow for fair competition.)*
2. Selection of the nine finalists will be based on: *originality, understanding and assimilation of the topic and research, composition, and grammar.*
3. The nine finalists and their immediate families will be invited to a final judging and banquet on April 16th in Fredericktown where they will present their essays. Three finalists will win a trip to Washington, D.C. Three second place winners will win a trip to the Cooperative Youth Leadership Conference in Jefferson City, and three third place winners will receive \$100.
4. The three first place winners and their families will be invited to an all expense paid banquet in Columbia on June 19, 2020. The delegates will depart the next day for their week in Washington, D.C.!



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Thank you for your interest in the 2020 Black River Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Essay Contest!

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Below are some helpful links you may choose to use as you learn more about electric cooperatives.

www.brec.coop
www.electric.coop
www.amec.coop
www.aeci.org
www.youthtour.coop
www.membersfirst.coop
www.moelectriccoops.com

