



# Kiamichi Electric Cooperative Inc.

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POTEAU HIGH SCHOOL  
100 MOCKINGBIRD LN  
POTEAU, OK 74953

Dear Teacher or Counselor:

Kiamichi Electric Cooperative is once again sponsoring the annual *Rural Electric Youth Tour Letter Contest* for high school juniors. Authors of the three top letters will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. during the week of June 19-25, 2020.

Submission guidelines for essay entries include:

- ◆ Only **11<sup>th</sup> grade students** living within the Kiamichi Electric Cooperative service boundaries are eligible to compete. Membership in the Cooperative is not a requirement. (Children of KEC employees and trustees are not eligible to enter.)
- ◆ Letters must be at least **300-400 words** in length. Students are asked to write a letter to an elected official of their choice describing an issue that concerns them. ***Completed letters are due at the KEC office no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2020.***

Rules and entry forms are available on our website at <https://kiamichielectric.org/youth-tour/>.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I hope you'll encourage your school's junior students to compete. Thanks in advance for your interest in and support of this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 918-465-2338 or (toll-free) 1-800-888-2731, ext. 127. My e-mail address is: [toddm@kiamichielectric.org](mailto:toddm@kiamichielectric.org)

Sincerely,

Todd Minshall,  
Youth Tour Coordinator



## **RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS YOUTH TOUR**

1. The contest is open to ALL JUNIORS(11<sup>TH</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> grade students attending high school located in Kiamichi Electric's service territory.
2. Students must write a formal letter approximately 300-400 words to any elected or appointed official. Students, this is the perfect opportunity to voice your personal opinion to your elected or appointed officials on any issue, problem or success. In the letter, the topic of concern should be stated and thoroughly discussed. Please do not sign the letter or place your name in the letter. Your name should only be listed on the cover sheet.
3. Use only one side of typing paper. Please double space.
4. On a separate cover sheet, attached to the letter, include your name, your parents name and address and your school name and address.
5. Letters will be judged on the following bases: ORIGINALITY 40%, COMPOSITION 40% and GRAMMAR 20%.
6. Entrants DO NOT have to be sons and daughters of Kiamichi Electric members. (Members are on KEC's Electric lines)
7. Winner and alternates will be announced in early April.
8. Be sure to have your parents or guardian sign this entry form as indicated.
9. Entrants in this competition will not be eligible to enter any other REC Washington Youth Tour Essay Contest cosponsored by any other rural electric cooperative and the Oklahoma Association of Electric Cooperatives.

**Photo identification and a recent photograph are definite requirements for Tour participants.**

**Please Note: the photograph you submit will be printed in all Tour publication/publicity.**

**Photo id is required for homeland security issues in most places you will be touring.**

RETURN LETTERS AND ENTRY FORM TO:

KIAMICHI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

ATTN: TODD MINSHALL

PO BOX 340

WILBURTON, OK 74578



# YOUTH TOUR CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FULL NAME including FIRST, MIDDLE and LAST - Name must be same as it is on photo identification

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT:**

I have read and understand the contest "Rules and Eligibility Requirements" attached to this form.

1. I understand that all materials submitted for judging become the exclusive property of Kiamichi Electric Cooperative Inc.
2. I understand my ( a ) COVER SHEET, ( b ) LETTER, and ( c ) OFFICAL ENTRY FORM must be submitted to KEC and postmarked no later than March 6. 2020
3. I understand if named a winner of this contest I will be awarded a week-long, all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. in June.

SIGNATURE OF ENTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

## **TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT / GUARDIAN:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ due hereby give my consent to let our son/daughter to participate in this year's Kiamichi Electric Youth Tour Contest and, if named a winner, to participate in the all-expense paid week-long tour of Washington, D.C. area in June.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_