

2025 PEC Youth Tour Contest – Application Guidelines

High school students in the PEC service area could win a week-long trip to Washington, D.C.! Students selected will join other youth from across the country on a June 2025 trip to our nation's capital to meet their congressional representative, make lifelong friendships, further leadership skills, and visit amazing sites.

The Youth Tour delegation will tour several historical sites, such as the Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill Tour, Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, Washington National Cathedral, the U.S. Supreme Court, the Smithsonian Institution, and much more.

Eligibility Requirements

- Student must have completed their high school sophomore, junior, or senior year by June 2025.
- Student must have a parent or legal guardian who is a PEC member in good standing.
- Student must be available for the following:
 - In-Person Interviews: Thursday, December 12, 2024 for selected semi-finalists
 - Orientation: Sunday, February 9, 2025 for selected delegates and parent or guardian
 - Youth Tour Trip: June 15-22, 2025

Application requirements

Students must submit an online application, answer one short-answer question, attach a copy of their current resume, and have an online reference completed by an adult.

- Applications and required attachments will only be accepted via our PEC website, www.pec.coop/youth-tour.
- Applicants and their adult reference must submit all parts of the application and a reference form by Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.
 - **Please note:** Your reference will not receive the emailed form until you submit your application. Be sure to allow enough time for your reference to complete it by the deadline.
- Entries submitted after this deadline are ineligible.

Short-answer Response Criteria

- Response must be 250 words or less.
- Question: Diverse communication styles are essential to being a good leader. Give an example of how you have utilized or adapted your communication style for a particular situation. For example, tell us how you effectively communicated during a group project or how you were able to adjust your preferred communication style for a class presentation.

Resume Criteria

- File format should be in Adobe pdf (.pdf) only. Resume should not include pictures, graphic images, or diagrams.
- Resume should not exceed one (1) page in length.
- Resume will be scored based on information such as work experience, extracurricular involvement and activities, examples of leadership positions held, and honors and awards.

Reference Criteria and Process

- Referrer must be 18 or older and of no relation to the applicant.
- Reference Process:
 1. The online application includes a section to enter your selected reference's name and email address.

2. Once you complete and submit your application, the listed reference will receive an email from pedernaleselectric@formtracking.com (this may go to their spam folder), with a link to complete their online reference.
3. Once the reference completes and submits the online form, it will be attached to your application. You will also receive an email confirming that we have received it.
4. **This reference must also be completed by the November 12, 2024, 11:59 p.m. deadline, or you will not receive a score for this section.**

Finalist Selection

- Semi-finalists will be invited to an in-person interview on Thursday, December 12, 2024. Failure to attend will forfeit the applicant's ability to move forward in the selection process.
- Selected contestants will be declared PEC delegates and receive an all-expense-paid Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. Delegates will be notified by a PEC representative and are expected to attend an orientation meeting on Sunday, February 9, 2025, with a parent or guardian.