

2024 Snapping Shoals EMC
**Washington Youth Tour and
SSEM Youth Tour Scholarship**

Washington Youth Tour

Win an incredible week in our nation's capital
PLUS, A \$500 SCHOLARSHIP!



Experience your nation's government in action.

See history up close.

Meet state and national leaders.

Interact with students from across Georgia and across the U.S.

Make new friends.

Develop your leadership skills.

Tour the major Washington sites.

Create memories that last forever.

A trip of a lifetime! Fun, fast-paced, awe-inspiring!

ABOUT THE WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR

Eligibility: Applicant must...

- Be either a high school sophomore or junior;
- Be at least 16 years old by June 14, 2024; and ...
- Have his/her parent's permission to enter and participate.

Synopsis: Three teenagers from the Snapping Shoals EMC service area will be chosen to join dozens of other students, representing electric cooperatives across Georgia, on the Washington Youth Tour. It will begin with a banquet for participants and their parents. Then the Georgia students will enjoy a day of activities in their home state before flying to Washington, D.C., for an incredible week in our nation's capital. Once they're in Washington, they will have the opportunity to meet Youth Tour students from all across the nation.

Dates of the trip: June 14-21, 2024

How to apply: Complete the attached application form. Be sure to provide all of the information requested. Application must be signed by both the student and the student's parent/legal guardian.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION: FRIDAY, January 19, 2024

****applications must be in our office by 5 p.m. on Friday, FEBRUARY 24, 2023 - NO EXCEPTIONS****

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Washington Youth Tour Information

More about the Youth Tour

Snapping Shoals Electric Membership Corporation will be sending up to three high school students from our service area on an exciting, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. These teenagers will join dozens of students from other electric cooperatives in Georgia to represent our state in the Washington Youth Tour, as annual event that brings around 1,400 young people from across the country to our nation's capital.

Youth Tour events for Georgia's participants will begin with a kick-off banquet for the students and their parents. The next day will be full of activities for the Georgia students before they fly to Washington. Youth Tour highlights typically include visiting the U.S. Capitol, U.S. Supreme Court, Holocaust Museum, MLK Jr. Memorial, Smithsonian Institution, and whenever possible, the White House. Other stops that are usually on the busy schedule are the National Cathedral and Arlington Cemetery as well as the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War memorials and the Lincoln, Jefferson, and FDR memorials.

In addition, students will have the opportunity to meet state and national leaders and gain a better understanding of how our government works. Participants will also be involved in leadership-building activities and will have the opportunity to interact with students from across Georgia and across the United States.

The Youth Tour is fun, fast-paced, well-organized, and packed full of activities. Employees of Georgia EMC, the statewide EMC organization, organize the trip every year and are the tour directors. They do a terrific job of making sure that everything runs smoothly. Several EMC employees and their spouses serve as chaperones for the Georgia delegation, and teacher chaperones are chosen each year as well. Details of departure and arrival times will be provided to participants and their parents before the trip.

More about the scholarship

The three winners of the Washington Youth Tour will also receive a \$500 scholarship from Snapping Shoals EMC. The scholarship will be made available for their use once they have completed high school and enrolled in an accredited two-year or four-year university, college or vocational-technical school. It is their responsibility to notify Snapping Shoals EMC when they prepare to begin college in order to receive their scholarship.

The selection of participants

Applications are scored by EMC personnel. Scores are based on the information provided and the written essay. Applicants will be required to come to Snapping Shoals EMC for a brief quiz and dinner. Winners will be chosen based on their quiz score and their application score.

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____ High School: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip Code) _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Mother's name: _____

Mother's email address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Father's name: _____

Father's email address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

ACADEMICS:

Current grade point average: GPA _____ (attach a copy of your most current Report Card)

List any academic awards or honors that you have received in the past four years of school and tell which grade you were in:

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ACTIVITIES:

List your memberships in any school clubs, organizations and athletic activities during the past four years. Tell which grade you were in and any leadership positions you held:

Do you have experience in public speaking? No Yes – If yes, please give details.

List your community service activities or involvement in community groups from the past four years (church groups, volunteer work, etc.). Indicate which years and any leadership roles that you had.

List any work experience you have had. Be sure to include the name of the business, your job and the time period you held this job. (Example: Cashier at Dollar Store in Conyers – June – August 2022)

TELL U WHY...

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain **why you would like to go** on the Washington Youth Tour, **the reasons that you should be chosen** for this trip, and **what being a good leader means to you**. This should be typed or neatly hand-written. Recommended length: minimum 300 words to maximum 600 words. **This is a very important part of the application, so don't forget!**

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please have two faculty members or administrators from your present school (counselor, teacher, principal or assistant principal) sign this application to recommend you for the Washington Youth Tour.

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT (LEGAL GUARDIAN) & STUDENT AFFIRMATION

We affirm that (1) all information provided on this application is correct, (2) the parent has given permission for the student to enter this contest and to participate in the Youth Tour should he/she win, and (3) the student agrees to participate in the Youth Tour on the scheduled dates should he/she win.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note: If a student who is chosen to be a Washington Youth Tour participant is, for any reason, unable to go on the tour, an alternate finalist will receive both the trip and the \$500 scholarship.

Thank you for applying.

Please return application by January 19, 2024, to:
Snapping Shoals EMC
P.O. Box 509
Covington, GA 30015