



# 2012

## “Government-In-Action” Youth Tour

### Essay Contest Application

**Deadline - 5:00 P.M. February 3, 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School Counselor’s Signature (to verify status of student) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents’ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Bartlett Electric Cooperative’s Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to Bartlett Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 200, Bartlett, Texas 76511.**

Bartlett Electric Cooperative will sponsor one area student for an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The winner will join almost 100 others from Texas on this exciting trip. On Rural Youth Day, the Texas group will meet participants from other states at the Nation's capital where they will meet their State Representatives. Nearly 1,500 students will gather to learn about each other and what life is like in other parts of the U.S.A.

### **Contest Rules**

- Applicants must be high school juniors or seniors.
- Applicant's parents must be members of the Bartlett Electric Cooperative or an employee of the Bartlett Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Applicant must reside in the home of parents who are employees or full-time residents of a home serviced by Bartlett Electric Cooperative.
- Applicant's must submit one completed application along with an essay of not more than 500 words in length, 12-point type and double spaced on the following topic:

***What is an Electric Cooperative, and Why is it Good for America and Your Community?***

- The essays must be typed, no handwritten entries will be accepted.
- The essays may be delivered to the Bartlett office at 27492 Hwy 95, Bartlett TX or mailed to:

Bartlett Electric Cooperative  
Youth Tour Contest/Debbie Wright  
P.O. Box 200  
Bartlett, Texas 76511

- Essays must be received in the office no later than 5:00 p.m. on **February 3, 2012**.

### **The Selection Process**

- A panel of judges will select three finalists from the written essays submitted.
- The finalists will give oral presentations of their written essays before an independent panel of judges.
- If you are chosen as a finalist but find that you are unable to participate in the trip, please advise Bartlett Electric Cooperative as soon as possible.
- The dates for next year's tour are June 14-22, 2012.
- A runner-up will represent Bartlett Electric on the trip in case the winner is not able to attend.