

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE

# YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON D.C.

June 1 - 5, 2019

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Program Information and  
Application Form

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**Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.**

**June 1 - 5, 2019**

Sponsored locally by SkyLine Membership Corporation  
PO Box 759 • West Jefferson, NC 28694 • (336) 877-1350 • (800) 759-2226

Application Deadline: Friday, March 29, 2019

### **Eligibility**

Applicant's parents must be SkyLine members or SkyBest Communications telephone service customers of at least one year, and family must reside full-time in the companies' service area. Two area high school juniors will be sponsored this year.

### **Other Program Requirements**

1. Be a high school junior in SkyLine's five-county service area (Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Watauga or Johnson).
2. Have at least a 3.25 grade-point-average (GPA).
3. Exhibit demonstrated leadership in campus organizations.
4. Exhibit demonstrated interest in community through volunteer activities.

### **Application Requirements**

1. Complete a Youth Tour application.
2. Include with your application a brief letter, which states why you would like to attend and what your plans are beyond high school.
3. Include with your application a letter of recommendation from a teacher, youth leader or school official.
4. Write an essay of up to 500 words that addresses one of the following topics:
  - a. Imagine being without telephone, cell phone or Internet service for a period of a few weeks; how would your life be different without it?
  - b. SkyLine is a member-owned telecommunications cooperative. What are the primary differences between a cooperative and other types of business?
  - c. What is your opinion of social media and its impact on society? Are there aspects of social media that have been beneficial to you?
5. Return these items, along with a recent school photograph of yourself, to your school counselor by Friday, March 29, 2019.

*NOTE: Children of SkyLine employees and directors are ineligible for consideration.*

### **Transportation Arrangements**

In addition to full sponsorship of the tour for two students, SkyLine will pay the airfare tickets to and from Washington, D.C. Additionally, the cooperative will provide \$75 to each of the participants to cover incidental expenses during their trip to Washington, D.C.

### **For More Information**

Contact: Your school counselor or SkyLine at (336) 877-1350 or (800) 759-2226.

# 2019 Youth Tour Application

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Home Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Your T-shirt/Sweatshirt size \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Box City State Zip

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Name he goes by

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Name she goes by

In the event you are selected, how would you want your parents' names listed? \_\_\_\_\_

Academic and school honors received: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Clubs/Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests, hobbies or talents: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer/Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

### Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to SkyLine Membership Corporation to contact my school, if necessary, and to use my name and photograph in promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a sponsorship.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Include the Following with Your Application

- One recent school photograph (2 1/2" x 3 1/2" to remain the property of the Cooperative). No digital photos, please.
- A brief written letter stating why you would like to attend the Youth Tour and what your plans are beyond high school.
- A written essay of up to 500 words on one of the three selected topics (see Application Information & Requirements).
- Letter of recommendation from high school teacher, other school official or youth leader.