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# 2026 YOUTH TOUR

Calling all high school juniors!

## Get ready for the 2026 Baldwin EMC Youth Tour!

- Win exciting trips
- Earn a college scholarship
- Build your college resumé
- Win a grant for a teacher

Scan the QR code  
for quick access to  
more information.



High school juniors in Baldwin County are encouraged to apply. The top 20 applicants will be interviewed, and four winners will be selected!

**Application deadline: November 19, 2025**



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# Get to Know Baldwin EMC

## About the Cooperative

Baldwin EMC is a member-owned electric cooperative serving more than 92,000 members throughout Baldwin and southern Monroe Counties in Alabama. We were founded more than 85 years ago to meet the needs of the underserved people of rural Alabama. Today, Baldwin EMC is the largest electric cooperative in the state of

Alabama and one of the fastest-growing electric cooperatives in the nation. Our growth, however, has not changed our mission, which is the same as it was eight decades ago. We put the needs of our members above our bottom line, and we operate as more than a power provider.



**We believe in putting members first. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for those we serve. We understand our members' needs go beyond just electricity.**



## All About Youth Tour

The Youth Tour is sponsored nationally by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and statewide by the Alabama Rural Electric Association. Each year, almost 2,000 outstanding high school students from

across the nation visit their state and nation's Capitols to develop leadership skills, to learn more about U.S history and government, and to gain personal understanding of their role as a citizen.

### 2026 YOUTH TOUR DATES

**Montgomery Youth Tour: March 11-13, 2026**

**Washington Youth Tour: June 14-20, 2026**

**Submit completed applications by November 19, 2025**

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# The Application Process

Please review the following process to decide if you'd be a good fit for the Youth Tour program!

High school juniors with a minimum of 2.5 GPA must answer the provided essay question, submit a resume that demonstrates leadership, extra-curricular/school activities, and community service and complete the Youth Tour application.

A panel of judges will interview the top 20 finalists at the Baldwin EMC corporate office in Summerdale.

Four students will be awarded trips to Montgomery, Alabama, and Washington, D.C., and a college scholarship.



## THE SCHOLARSHIP

Baldwin EMC will provide each Youth Tour winner with a \$750 nonrenewable scholarship to an accredited institution after recipients pass all required exams and graduate from high school.

## TEACHER INCENTIVE

Students will list the name of a teacher who has made an impact on them during high school on their application. Teachers of winning students will receive an award of \$500 for educational classroom materials.



## The Essay

Baldwin EMC's five core values are Safety, Teamwork, Integrity, Leadership, and Empathy. Describe a person or experience that helped shape your values. How has it continued to influence the way you approach challenges, relationships, or goals?

Essays should be as follows:

- Typed
- Double Spaced
- 12 point font
- Submitted via email as a PDF or by mail

## Your Resumé

Your resume should include:

- Academic achievements
- Work experience
- Volunteer work
- Any endeavors that highlight your character and work ethic
- Please submit via email as a PDF or by mail



# The Application

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

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

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

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Which teacher would you like us to recognize if you're chosen for a scholarship?**

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Consent

By signing below, you, the student, acknowledge that all information provided is accurate and honest and that you agree to participate in all aspects of the 2026 Youth Tour Program at Baldwin EMC. Your signature also indicates that you have read and understand the entire application and certify that the information provided and all attachments submitted with the application are true and correct. If any of the information provided in the application or any of the attachments is found not to be true and correct, the application will be immediately disqualified and, if any scholarship has been awarded, such scholarship will be rescinded.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parental Consent

By signing this form, the parent or guardian of the above-named student is allowing him or her to participate, if chosen, in all activities related to the 2026 Youth Tour Program at Baldwin EMC. By signing below, you authorize (name of high school)\_\_\_\_\_ to release any and all academic information to Baldwin EMC and do hereby authorize the guidance counselor and principal of such high school to discuss such information with Baldwin EMC. Your signature also acknowledges that you have read and understand the entire application and certifies that the information provided and all attachments submitted with the application are true and correct. If any of the information provided in the application or any of the attachments is found not to be true and correct, the application will be immediately disqualified and, if any scholarship has been awarded, such scholarship will be rescinded.

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## School Consent

By signing this portion of the nomination form, the said school agrees for the student, if chosen, to participate in all aspects of the 2026 Youth Tour Program at Baldwin EMC. This also certifies that honors, grade point average, and other information are accurate to the best of the school's knowledge. This is also an endorsement from the school that implies the student is of high moral standards and a suitable candidate for the 2026 Youth Tour.

School Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_