



2025 Youth Tour Application

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Phone _____

Address _____

High School _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____

Email Address _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Consolidated Cooperative Account Number _____

Application Process and Requirements

Answer the true/false and essay questions attached to this application to test your Cooperative Knowledge after watching the video about cooperatives at www.ohioec.org/orientation.

Submit a letter of recommendation from a guidance counselor, principal, teacher, or community or organizational advisor.

This form, along with the completed test and letter of recommendation must be received (not postmarked) in our office by **February 21, 2024**:

Consolidated Cooperative
Attn: Youth Tour
5255 State Route 95
Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

You may also email this form, the completed test and letter of recommendation to youthtour@consolidated.coop

Parent or guardian permission to participate in the Youth Tour to Washington (June 15-21, 2025) is required.

If you have questions concerning the Youth Tour program or this test, please contact us at youthtour@consolidated.coop, or call us at 800-421-5863.

Finalists may be interviewed to determine the two local winners.



TEST ON COOPERATIVE KNOWLEDGE

Questions are based on the Online Orientation program located at www.ohioec.org/orientation. Please mark the correct answer for each question.

1) President Theodore Roosevelt and the Supreme Court established the Rural Electrification Administration.

True

False

2) Seventy-seven of Ohio's 88 counties are served by electric cooperatives.

True

False

3) Only farms are served by electric cooperatives.

True

False

4) Co-op members must pass a test before joining an electric cooperative.

True

False

5) There are seven principles that guide electric cooperatives.

True

False

6) Co-op members elect their electric cooperative's board trustees.

True

False

7) Co-op trustees can change the cooperative's bylaws without notifying the members.

True

False

8) Co-op trustees must protect the cooperative and the interests of all members, and they also must ensure the cooperative operates in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

True

False

9) Electric co-ops' foundation as democratic institutions ensures that they adapt to new circumstances as their memberships grow and evolve.

True

False



10) Every year, at co-ops' annual meetings there is a lottery for the co-ops' leftover money.

True

False

11) Capital credits represent each member's investment in the cooperative and are used to improve the distribution system.

True

False

12) There are nearly 1,000 electric cooperatives across the United States.

True

False

13) Electric cooperatives' boards of directors/trustees own the co-ops.

True

False

14) In the state of Ohio, electric cooperatives are subject to the regulatory authority of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

True

False

15) The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) is the national association for electric co-ops.

True

False

16) Buckeye Power provides wholesale base-load power, renewable energy options, marketing services, and electric grid management services to electric cooperatives in Ohio.

True

False

17) Local electric co-ops require their members' children to participate in co-op youth programs so they learn not to waste energy.

True

False

18) Ohio's electric co-ops rarely provide grants to causes like food banks, community fire departments, schools, animal shelters, and parks because these things have nothing to do with electricity.

True

False



Essay Questions: Please answer the following questions in the space provided.

19) As electric co-op members, what makes you and your family different from customers of investor-owned or municipal power companies?

20) Explain why and how electric cooperatives were first formed.
