

EXPERIENCE YOUR NATION'S CAPITAL WITH THE FRS YOUTH TOUR

SPONSORED BY

JUNE 6–10, 2020

Spend a week in Washington, DC, and see the federal government up close and in action.

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour brings more than 100 high school students from rural communities across the nation to Washington, DC, for five days to learn about legislative and government processes and the importance of quality broadband connections. NTCA member companies, including your telecommunications provider, sponsor students and chaperones to attend and see our nation's capital in action.

Tour famous historical sites and monuments.

Learn what it takes to advance a community through broadband applications.

Meet with Federal Communications Commission and congressional staff.

Build relationships with peers that can last a lifetime.

Dance the night away with a Youth Tour mixer.

Develop leadership skills.



FOUNDATION FOR
RURAL SERVICE

FRS YOUTH TOUR

25TH ANNIVERSARY

www.FRS.org/youthtour

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be high school students, age 16 or 17 at the time of the tour.
Students age 18+ are ineligible to attend.

REGISTRATION

Contact your local telecommunications company to attend:

All expenses paid by your telecommunications provider include:

- Four nights hotel accommodations (two students per room)
- Airfare
- Three meals a day
- Bus transportation to all activities
- Admission to ticketed events
- Special entertainment
- Youth Tour t-shirt

Travel arrangements are made by the sponsoring telecommunications company in coordination with the student.

Spaces fill up quickly. Submit your interest to:

Deadline:

For more information, contact

The Youth Tour 2020 is hosted in partnership with your local telecommunication provider and the Foundation for Rural Service, a non-profit organization whose programs advance rural communities by focusing on education for rural youth, encouraging community development and introducing policymakers to the challenges of providing broadband services in rural communities.





2020

Youth Tour Application

**Etex will sponsor two students (from different schools) to visit Washington
D.C.**



Youth Tour Overview

Etex and the Foundation for Rural Service are offering students from rural areas a once in a lifetime experience! Students get a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry, learn about the legislative and governmental process, and get the rare opportunity to visit our nation's capital. The Foundation for Rural Service limits the tour to 100 students so they have the opportunity to meet other students from across rural America. To learn more about the tour, visit www.frs.org/youth-programs/youth-tour

Application Overview

Etex will cover all registration, travel and tour expenses for two students (different schools) to attend the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour. The student will also receive \$150 spending money. The total tour value is \$1,800.

Applicants must:

- Be 16 or 17 years old at the time of the Youth Tour, June 6th - June 10th.
- Receive communication services from Etex Communications or attend one of the approved schools in the area.

Applications are due on or before Monday, March 9, 2020.

Return application and all materials to:

Etex
Attn: HR Department
PO Box 130
Gilmer, TX 75644

Checklist

- The application must be completed in full. The application **will not** be considered if **any** information is incomplete.
- Submit Essay.
- Sign certification.
- Have a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or principal complete the character evaluation and submit a letter of recommendation.

Dates of Importance

- ◆ **Monday, March 9: Must return application and all materials to Etex.**
- ◆ **Monday, March 16: Student will be notified that he or she has been chosen.**
- ◆ **Friday, March 27: If selected, registration paperwork must be turned in to Etex.**
- ◆ **Tuesday, May 26 5:30p,-7pm: If selected, Student/Parent Dinner meeting with CEO of Etex and Designated Chaperon.**
- ◆ **June 6 - June 10: Tour Dates**

Selection Process

The selection committee will review applications blindly; all names, addresses and identifying information will be concealed.

Essay Topics

Please submit a 1-page, double-spaced, typed essay answering **one** of the following topics. (approx. 250 words)

Topic 1

Describe the rural community in which you live and indicate how it has influenced the person you are.

Topic 2

How has technology impacted your life in rural East Texas?



Applicant Information

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Year in school _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

High School _____ High School Phone _____

Grade Point Average _____ If applicable, Weighted GPA _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Parent or Guardian phone number _____

Parent or Guardian email address _____

Please list the service(s) that you receive from Etex (if applicable). _____

Certification

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree that the Selection Committee has my permission to verify any and all information. I understand that I must submit the application and all materials on or before Monday, March 9, 2020 to be eligible for consideration.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____



Activities

Please list all school activities in which you have participated in during high school. (i.e., athletics, school government, music, clubs, etc.) **Attach additional page if necessary.**

Activity	No. of years involved	Special Awards, Honors, Offices Held

Community Involvement

Please list all non-paid community activities in which you have participated in during high school. (i.e., volunteer efforts, church work, etc.) **Attach additional page if necessary.**

Activity (i.e. soup kitchen)	Time Spent	Comments

Work Experience

Since starting high school, list all work experience in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first. **Attach additional page if necessary.**

Company	Position/Job Description	Dates of Employment	Avg Hours Per Week



Recommendation Letter and Character Evaluation

This form is to be filled out by one of your high school teachers, guidance counselor or principal. This form and reference letter are to be submitted by the applicant with completed application in a sealed envelope.

School Official: Please fill out, copy and place both forms in a sealed envelope before returning to applicant.

Applicant's Name

High School

School Official's Name

School Official's Position

Phone Number

Recommendation Letter

School Official: Please submit a one-page typed letter describing the applicant's strengths and potential for future success. We welcome any information that will help distinguish this applicant from others. Please include in what capacity and how long have you known the applicant.

Character Evaluation

Compared with other high school students, how would you rate this student in the following areas?

	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent (Top 5%)
Optimistic Attitude				
Willingness to take Responsibility				
Pride in School and Community				
Leadership Qualities				
Maturity				
Respect for Others				
Academic Achievement				
High Principles and Values				

Signature of Evaluator

Date