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ARK VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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TO: Junior or Senior Applicant

FROM: Donna Alexander, Youth Tour Coordinator

SUBJECT: Youth Tour Application

Enclosed is the application for the Ark Valley Electric Youth Competition.

Please return the completed application and submit your presentation to the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative office, at the above address, or email dalexander@arkvalley.com by December 3, 2018. (Must be *received* in our office by 5:00 pm on December 3, 2018.)

Your participation is appreciated and we hope to meet you as one of our finalists.

If you have any questions, please call me at 1-888-297-9212.

**Ark Valley Electric Cooperative
PO Box 1246
Hutchinson, KS 67504-1246**

Youth Tour Competition Application

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Student E-Mail Address: _____ Student Phone #: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Parent's Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent E-Mail Address: _____ Parent Phone #: _____

Ark Valley Electric Membership Name: _____ Electric Acct# _____

Present Grade in School: _____ (Must be a Junior or 2019 Graduating Senior)

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

I agree all information supplied in this application is accurate and true.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Please return this application and presentation by 5:00 p.m., DECEMBER 3, 2018

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Junior or 2019 Graduating Senior.
2. Parent(s) of applicant must be member(s) of Ark Valley Electric Cooperative.
3. Applicant must complete the application.
4. Applicant must select and submit one of the following presentation options:
 - A. An essay that is equivalent to a three to five minute oral presentation. The essay must include the following:
 - a. The Cooperative's present value to its members and community.
 - b. Ark Valley's future value to its members and community.
 - B. A multi-media video that is three to five minutes in length or PowerPoint (include all notes within the slideshow) that is equivalent to a three to five minute oral presentation. The presentation must be on one of the following topics and how it applies to Ark Valley:
 - a. Capital Credits
 - b. Automated Metering Infrastructure
 - c. Retail Wheeling
 - d. The Cooperative Difference
5. If the applicant is chosen as one of the finalists, he or she must present their essay, video or PowerPoint to a panel of judges and answer questions from the judges regarding their presentation.
6. Two applicants will be selected as winners. The first place winner will receive an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. and a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship to the college of their choice. The second place winner will receive a one-time \$500.00 scholarship to the college of their choice. (The scholarships will be paid when the applicant verifies full-time enrollment, minimum 12 credit-hours, in advanced education.)
7. Ark Valley may choose to use any presentation submitted (videos, pictures, PowerPoint, etc.) on our website, social media, or any other advertising outlet.

TIME FRAME:

1. Application and presentation must be *received* in the Ark Valley Electric Cooperative Office by 5:00 pm on December 3, 2018.
2. The finalists will make their presentation to a panel of judges and answer any questions regarding their presentation. Date and time to be decided. The two winners will be selected & notified by January 4, 2019.

The following are suggested sources of information that may be of help to you in writing your essay or preparing your presentation:

1. Public Library-- Look under "cooperatives", "REA", or "RUS", and "Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)".
2. Interview older members of the Ark Valley Cooperative in your area.
3. The following web-sites: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association at "www.nreca.org", Kansas Electric Cooperative, Inc. at "www.kec.org", or Ark Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. at "www.arkvalley.com."
4. The Bylaws and Regulations of Ark Valley Electric Cooperative are available on the Ark Valley web-site, www.arkvalley.com