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## **MEC Opens Applications for Annual Washington Youth Tour**

**BULLHEAD CITY, AZ** – Mohave Electric Cooperative (MEC) is proud to announce our continuing sponsorship of the annual Washington Youth Tour.

“Education, Training, and Information” is one of the 7 Cooperative Principles upheld by MEC. Mohave Electric Cooperative shows commitment to this principle, and our community, by supporting the future of even the youngest of members.

“The Washington Youth Tour is a unique opportunity to inspire students for success and to learn what it means to be a part of something larger, whether that be a cooperative or our nation. Here at Mohave Electric Cooperative, we believe in providing the tools and resources, when we can, to help our youth grow and succeed,” stated MEC’s CEO Tyler Carlson.

Students, whose parents or guardians are MEC members, will be selected to represent Mohave Electric Cooperative in the annual Washington Youth Tour. The week-long, all-expenses paid adventure allows students to join peers from across the country, visit our Capitol’s landmarks, and learn about our country’s rich history. The annual Youth Tour takes place in Summer 2026 in Washington, DC and one outstanding student will be invited to join MEC’s Board of Directors and CEO to brief the state legislators on our state Capitol trip in January 2027.

MEC selects participants from applicants through a competitive process that includes an essay and an in-person presentation before a panel of judges. All applicants must be high school juniors and receive parental or guardian permission to apply.

Applications and a 300–500 word essay and are due before October 31, 2025 at 5 p.m. The application can be found at

<https://www.mohaveelectric.com/community/washington-youth-tour/>

Founded in 1946, Mohave Electric Cooperative is a not-for-profit utility providing reliable, cost-effective power to 38,238 members, 45,532 meters, with more than 1,571 miles of line spanning

areas from Bullhead City to Topock on the west, Hualapai to Burro Creek to the south, and Nelson to the east.

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