

---



**Rainbow**<sup>SM</sup>  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
ASSOCIATION

# 2019 Youth Tour Application



Experience History in the Making...

**FRS Youth Tour 2019**  
June 1-5 Washington, D.C.

**Win an All-Expenses-Paid Trip to the Nation's Capital!**

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

---

## **Youth Tour Overview**

Rainbow Communications 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 legislative and governmental processes, 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](http://www.frs.org/youth-programs/youth-tour).

## **Application Overview**

Rainbow Communications 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 1st—5th , 2019.
- Receive communication services from Rainbow Communications.

Applications are due on or before Friday, March 1, 2019. Return this application and all materials to:

**Rainbow Communications**  
**Attn: Youth Tour**  
**628 Oregon St.**  
**Hiawatha, KS 66434**

### **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:**

- **Friday, March 1:** Must return application and all materials to Rainbow Communications.
- **Tuesday, March 5th:** Student(s) will be notified that he or she has been chosen.
- **Monday, March 18:** If selected, registration paperwork must be turned in to Rainbow Communications.
- **June 1–5th, 2019:** Youth 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 Kansas?

**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 Rainbow Communications: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Friday, March 1, 2019 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 | 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 | Date of Employment | Position / Job Description | Average 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 Assessor**

**Date**