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## 2017 Youth Tour Application



**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 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](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 \$1,750.

#### Applicants must:

- Be 16 or 17 years old at the time of the Youth Tour, June 3rd—7th.
- Receive communication services from Rainbow Communications.

Applications are due on or before Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Return 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

- ◆ **Wednesday, March 1: Must return application and all materials to Rainbow Communications.**
- ◆ **Friday, March 3: Student will be notified that he or she has been chosen.**
- ◆ **Monday, March 20: If selected, registration paperwork must be turned in to Rainbow Communications.**
- ◆ **June 3—7: 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 Wednesday, March 1, 2017 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