



## 2010 NRECA Rural Electric Youth Tour Application

### Personal Information:

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best time to reach you at this number? \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

San Miguel Power Account # (you can find this on your family's last bill): \_\_\_\_\_

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### School Information:

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA (out of 4.0): \_\_\_\_\_

Major Study Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Activities (use additional sheets if necessary):

Extracurricular Activities (sports, academic clubs, etc.):

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Volunteer Activities:

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Hobbies and Special Interests:

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**Essay Requirements:**

Submit a 500 word essay on one of the topics provided on the following sheet. You may also submit drawings, video, power points or other creative media that is relevant to your topic. Please submit your essay with this application form to the San Miguel Power office nearest you.

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Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Returning Your Application:**

**Applications must be postmarked on or before December 15, 2009 to be considered.** You can mail your applications to:

San Miguel Power Association  
Attn: Becky Mashburn  
PO Box 1150  
Ridgway, CO 81432

You may also drop off your application in person at the San Miguel Power office nearest you:

Nucla: 170 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Nucla, Colorado  
Ridgway: 720 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado

**Questions? Contact Becky Mashburn at (970) 626-0212 or email [becky@smpa.com](mailto:becky@smpa.com).**

## Possible Youth Tour Essay Topics

- Is nuclear power the answer to global warming?
- Write a letter to your congressman about any topic you are passionate about.
- We've grown accustomed to having electricity on demand in the world we live in such as clicking a remote control to turn on a TV, using a computer, playing video games, or charging our cell phones. Describe the impact on your life and community in a world without electricity.
- Describe the cooperative business model. Give examples of why this model works for your electric cooperative and the members that it serves.
- We hear a lot in the media about renewable energy sources. Describe some renewable energy sources and explain how these renewable energy sources are important for you and your electric cooperative?
- Touchstone Energy's Our Energy, Our Future campaign rallied over a million and a half citizens across America to actively engage in the energy conversation with their members of Congress. What makes this campaign so important for your electric cooperative?
- You are in charge of the energy efficiency program at your school. Describe ways you would recommend for your school to use electricity more efficiently
- Describe how electric cooperatives operate based on the seven cooperative principles. Tell which of the seven cooperative principles you think is the most important and why?
- Colorado' electric cooperatives need to build a power plant to meet the growing demand for electricity. You have been selected to serve on the committee that will decide what type of power plant will be built. Share the results of this committee in your essay.
- How are electric cooperatives different from other electric utilities?
- What are the biggest challenges facing electric cooperatives today? How can cooperatives effectively meet those challenges?
- How can you become a more responsible energy manager in your own home?
- The importance of energy in and around the home.
- What impacts can energy conservation have on XYZ Electric and You?
- The top three things I can do to save energy.
- How can rural electric cooperatives as member-owned utilities take the lead in energy efficiency and conservation?
- How does energy efficiency affect you as an individual member and the cooperative as a whole?
- Write elected official regarding renewable energy or energy conservation and how it impacts your cooperative.
- Energy efficiency and conservation remain hot topics as they have a considerable impact on the utility industry as well as the world in general. In your opinion, what is the most significant effect that energy efficiency and conservation have on our society?