

TO: High School Counselors

FROM: The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. and Council Grove Telephone Company.

RE: Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour June 5-9th, 2010.

The Board of Directors of The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. announces the 8th annual sponsorship of the summer youth tour to Washington D.C. This is a fully paid sponsorship, air fare and hotel accommodations, for a fall of 2010 senior student whose parents or legal guardians are telephone customers of Tri-County Telephone. The Youth Tour features educational meetings about the telecommunications industry and government functions as well as sightseeing in Washington, D. C.

For your information, students are eligible if their parents' phone number begins with one of the following prefixes: in area code 785, 257-, 349-, 366-, 466-, 479-, 482-, 497-, 598-, 949-, 965 and 983-, and area code 620, 924-, 767 and 787- (cellular phone numbers are excluded).

Students must completely fill out the attached application, including signatures from the school counselor and principal. Provide two letters of recommendation one from the school system and one from an adult who is not from the school system or a relative. Students must also have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be willing to share the experience of their trip at the Annual Meeting of Members in March of 2011. The completed application must be returned to The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. business office, P.O. Box 299, 1568 S. 1000 Rd. by April 1, 2010.

Winners will be selected by a review committee from outside the telephone companies.

We would appreciate your distribution of applications to appropriate students, and assistance to them in correctly completing the forms and returning them to our business office.

Completed applications are to be returned by April 1, 2010 to:

Attn: FRS Youth Tour
The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 299
Council Grove, KS 66846-0299

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE 2010 YOUTH TOUR

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Sponsorship will be paid by The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc.
2. Sponsorship will be awarded by committee, to an eligible student who completes the application, has a grade point average of 3.0, is willing to share the experience at the Annual Meeting of Members March, 2011, and whose family had telephone service from either Tri-County.
3. Any fall of 2010 senior high school student, whose parent or legal guardian has telephone service with either The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. may make application.
4. Completed applications with two letters of recommendation one from a school official and one from another adult, not a relative, are due in The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. Business Office by April 1, 2010.
5. For application forms, or further information, contact your school counselor or The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc. Business Office.

**FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE YOUTH TOUR
THE TRI-COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC.
P. O. BOX 299
COUNCIL GROVE, KS 66846**

APPLICATION

NAME
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
TELEPHONE# _____
SOCIAL SECURITY# _____
NAME OF PARENT(S) OR GUARDIAN(S) _____
HIGH SCHOOL
HIGH SCHOOL TELEPHONE # _____

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER AS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

WHICH OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DEMONSTRATES LEADERSHIP IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

TELL ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND CAREER GOALS.

I WILL PRESENT HIGHLIGHTS OF MY TRIP AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS IN MARCH 2011. _____ **(STUDENT'S SIGNATURE)**

SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT'S (GUARDIAN'S) SIGNATURE

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING ESSAY QUESTION. YOU MAY USE THIS PAGE OR ATTACH ANSWER TO THIS SHEET.

HOW CAN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AMERICA?

(Hint: has telecommunications helped you prepare for your education and career goals.)