



## 2026 Government-In-Action Youth Tour Contest Official Entry Form

**Entry Deadline: November 20, 2025, AT 4:30 P.M.**

The annual Government-In-Action Youth Tour is a collaborative effort between electric cooperatives across the country, the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperatives, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. This year, the tour is scheduled for the week of June 16-21, 2026. High school & Homeschooled Sophomores and Juniors will be selected to represent Socorro Electric Cooperative.

The competition is open to high school/homeschooled Sophomores and Juniors whose parents or legal guardians are active SEC account holders. Contestants are required to complete this Official Entry Form and submit a 500-word (minimum) essay addressing one of the following topics:

- **“Rural Electrification: Improving the Quality of Life in Rural New Mexico?”**
- **“How My Family Practices Cooperation”**
- **“In terms of personal development, what is your greatest strength and how has it enhanced your life?”**
- **“What characteristics of an electric cooperative do you like most and why?”**
- **“Growing up in a rural area has certain advantages, as well as disadvantages – describe how living in New Mexico has influenced your development.”**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ SEC Member Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

**Use one of the methods below to return entry form and essay:**

**Hand-Delivery:** 215 E. Manzanares Ave. East  
Attn: Jimmy Capps  
Socorro, New Mexico  
Mon-Thurs: 7:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Mail:** Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Attn: Jimmy Capps  
P.O. Box H  
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

**Email:** [jcapps@socorroelectric.com](mailto:jcapps@socorroelectric.com)

**Phone:** 575-838-9724

***\*Mailed applications must be received by  
November 20, 2025***

**A panel of judges will grade (anonymously) the essays based on the following criteria:**

- Student demonstrates an understanding of essay topic.
- Student offers examples to support the basis for the essay.
- Essay is to be typed, double spaced and grammatically correct.