



## 2023 Government-In-Action Youth Tour Contest Official Entry Form

**Entry Deadline: February 10, 2023, 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 Cooperative Association, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. This year, the tour is scheduled for the week of June 13-18, 2023. High school Sophomores and Juniors will be selected to represent Socorro Electric Cooperative.

The competition is open to high school Sophomores and Juniors whose parents, or legal guardians, are active account holders whose accounts are in good standing with the SEC. Contestants are required to complete this Official Entry Form and submit a 500-word 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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

**Hand-Delivery:** 215 E. Manzanares Ave.  
Attn: Ellena Tapia  
Socorro, New Mexico  
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

**Email:** [etapia@socorroelectric.com](mailto:etapia@socorroelectric.com)  
**Phone:** 575-838-9737

***\*Mailed applications must be received by  
February 10,***

**A panel of judges will grade 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.