

# Do YOU

want to be Ohio's

# YLC



## Youth Leadership Council

Each year one student is selected as Ohio's representative on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council (YLC). Students must complete an application to be eligible.



### What is the YLC?

Each Youth Tour participant has the opportunity to be selected as the one person to represent their state on NRECA's Youth Leadership Council (YLC). NRECA's Youth Leadership Council is a networking opportunity carefully curated to build leadership and public speaking skills while enhancing the delegates' knowledge of the energy industry and the cooperative business model.

### Why be a YLC representative?

#### CASH!

- Ohio's YLC representative will receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon fulfillment of all duties.

#### TRIPS!

**Trip 1:** NRECA YLC Summer Program – July 20-24, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

- At this meeting, YLC's from across the nation come together to share their stories, speeches and enhance their understanding of the cooperative difference.

**Trip 2:** Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Summer and Winter Conferences

- Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Summer Conference - August 10, 2026, at Ohio Stadium.
  - Parents/guardians are invited to attend.
- Ohio's Electric Cooperatives Winter Conference - February 8-9, 2027, in Columbus.
  - At this meeting, the council member will speak to 300 attendees. Their remarks will be focused on their involvement in the youth leadership program and what it has meant to them. Parents/guardians are invited to attend.

**Trip 3:** NRECA PowerXChange Conference - February 12-17, 2027, in San Diego, California

- YLCs from across the U.S. will be recognized, and the national YLC representative will address the more than 8,000 people attending a general session. All YLCs will work throughout the meeting, manning booths, handing out programs, running errands, etc.

#### PRESTIGE!

Being selected as the YLC representative is a prestigious honor that offers you valuable opportunities to unlock your leadership potential, make a meaningful impact on your local community and explore the unique benefits of the cooperative business model.

### How do I become the YLC?

#### 1 Apply

Complete the application provided.

#### 2 Three Finalist

An independent group of judges from OEC will select the top three finalist based off their applications provided.

#### 3 Campaign!

As soon as Youth Tour starts, YLC finalist will campaign to become the next YLC amongst their fellow Youth Tour delegates.

#### 4 Speech

Once Youth Tour arrives in Washington D.C., each finalist will give a 5- minute speech to their fellow Youth Tour delegates.

#### 5 Election

Youth Tour delegates will then cast their ballots for their elected YLC.

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## I am Ohio's YLC! Now what?

YLC representatives will meet virtually once a month from July until February (official meeting times will be communicated to participants).

### **Between July and February, YLC'sters will:**

- Write, prepare, and deliver a 5–7-minute speech at the YLC Summer Program in July. From these speeches, the 2027 YLC National Spokesperson will be chosen!
- Learn about youth advocacy and the importance of voting from industry leaders and program alums. Gain a robust understanding of the cooperative business model.
- Work with their local, sponsoring electric cooperatives to complete creative and engaging October Co-op Month projects in their communities.
- Plan to speak at statewide associations and local sponsoring electric co-op's annual meetings.
- Write and/or be interviewed for articles featured in their local sponsoring co-op, statewide, and national magazines and newsletters.
- Meet and get to know young, incredible leaders from all over the country!

## Fulfillment of Responsibilities

The YLC is expected to fulfill all responsibilities. A student should not apply for the YLC position if they cannot fully commit to the dates and travel listed on page 1. If after selected they are unable to fulfill their respective duties, for any reason, an alternate will be selected as a replacement. That student will become the Ohio YLC representative and fulfill remaining duties.

