



2019 Program Details & Eligibility

Empower Youth exists to provide leadership training and opportunities for the future leaders of our communities. Thank you for your interest in the program!

Eligibility:

To be eligible, an applicant must

- be a current high school freshman or sophomore;
- permanently reside within Aurora, Brule, Buffalo, Jerauld, Sanborn, Miner, Davison, or Hanson counties of South Dakota or be the dependent of a Central Electric member;
- Have an interest in furthering your knowledge about cooperatives, your strengths and leadership skills, and be ready to participate with an open mind!

Applicants will be sent a “Student and Parent Consent Form” to complete the application process. One student from each county or director district may be selected.

Program Details & Commitments:

The program will consist of three sessions:

- 1) One-day leadership session #1 (May 2019) in Mitchell, SD or central location. Leadership sessions will include team-building activities, guest speakers, and more.
- 2) SDREA Youth Excursion (July 22-25, 2019) in Bismarck, ND. Students will travel to North Dakota and tour the Great Plains Synfuels Plant, the Freedom Coal Mine and Antelope Valley Station electric power plant. Evenings will be spent swimming, dancing and shopping with new friends from other rural electric cooperatives across the state.
- 3) One-day leadership session #2 (August 2019) in Mitchell, SD or central location.

There is no cost to the student to participate other than transportation to the local sessions (transportation and costs for Youth Excursion are provided).

Contact:

For questions or other information, please contact

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Application for 2019 Program

Name: _____ Current School Year : _____

School Name: _____

Names of Parents/Guardians: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Parent cell: _____

Student cell: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Student email: _____

Parent email: _____

Emergency Contact (if other than parent/guardian): _____

Phone: _____

Essay: *“Discuss an impact that you have made or hope to make in your community.”*

Please use the space below or attach extra pages if needed. Essay should not exceed 1,000 words.

Please return your application by March 1, 2019 to Central Electric Cooperative at cec@centralec.coop, fax to 605-996-0869 or mail to PO Box 850, Mitchell, SD 57301.