



Youth Tour 2026

Washington, D.C.

June 14 – 21, 2026

Sponsored by Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative

For High School Juniors Only

Deadline for Applications: January 16, 2026

Eligibility: Student must be a high school junior during the 2025-2026 school year and a full-time resident of Hatteras Island.

How to Apply: Complete the following application and submit an essay, no more than 300 words, on the topic listed with the application.

Return to: Laura Ertle
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or
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Buxton, NC 27920

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__

School Grade: _____ Name of School: _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Are parents/guardians members of Cape Hatteras Electric
Cooperative? ____Yes ____No

Parent's & Applicant's Email Addresses: _____

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

Academic and school honors received: _____

School activities: _____

Special interest, hobbies, talents: _____

The essay topic is listed below. Type your essay on a separate piece of paper and attach to your application. The essay should be between 250 and 300 words.

ESSAY TOPIC:

One of Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative's seven principles is "Concern for the Community". Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve in our community. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma-anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution. Also explain how CHEC could play a role in helping solve the problem you have identified.