

Cookson Hills Electric 2024 Youth Tour Essay Scholarship Contest Guidelines

Essay Topic: Explain the pros and cons of electric vehicles.

Each entry must be an original essay created by the student.

- Essay should consist of 750 to 1000 words
- Please type the essay double-spaced on a single side of the page(s).
- Do not include your name, your parent/guardian's, your school name, or your teacher's name on the essay. You may include first names, but we want to avoid anything in the essay that may reveal the student and/or the school associated with the student.

Essays will be judged and selected on the following Criteria:

Content 40% Grammar 20% Originality 35% Neatness 5%

ESSAYS ARE DUE BY: 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15th. Entries must be emailed to mwalters@cooksonhills.com by a school representative or parent/teacher of homeschooled students.

Youth Tour Rules:

- Students must be juniors in an accredited high school or be homeschooled within the CHEC service territory. (Students do not have to live in a home powered by Cookson Hills Electric.)
- Students submit one essay to their school's teacher/sponsor. School representatives are responsible for selecting up to four essays from their school and submitting the essays to CHEC by the deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024.
- Round 1 of judging: All submitted entries are initially judged and narrowed down to ten finalists. CHEC will notify the ten finalists.
- Round 2 of judging: The ten finalists must attend a short interview at the CHEC Stigler office on March 14, 2024. Finalists need to become familiar with the Co-op 101 booklet. Each finalist will be asked questions directly related to the information from this booklet during the interview. You can download Co-op 101 and find YT entry forms on our website www.cooksonhills.com/youth-tour.
- Four winners are selected from the ten finalists after the Round 2 interviews. These four students will receive scholarship money and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. The remaining six finalists will receive scholarships as well.
- Students must respectably conduct themselves. Students may be removed from the program if they have presented themselves inappropriately.
- Every student who shares the CHEC Youth Tour Facebook post scheduled for February 1, 2024, will automatically be entered to win \$100 cash.
- Every student who submits an essay to his/her teacher will be entered for a chance to win \$200 cash. The essay does not have to be selected as a top-four submission from the school. (Students are limited to a maximum of one essay submission.)
- Every teacher/school representative who submits a student essay to CHEC will be entered for a chance to win \$100 cash.
- Every teacher/school representative who submits a student essay that makes the Top 10 will be entered for a chance to win \$300 cash.

DEADLINE: February 15 by 5:00 p.m. – School representatives submit **up to four** essays to CHEC for Round 1 of the judging process. Ten finalists will be selected and notified they qualified for the Top 10 interview.

INTERVIEW DATE: March 23rd at 9:30 a.m. – Top 10 finalists arrive at the Stigler office for Round 2 of the competition. The top four finalists will be announced at the conclusion of the interview process.