

FOUNDATION FOR RURAL SERVICE

YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON D.C.

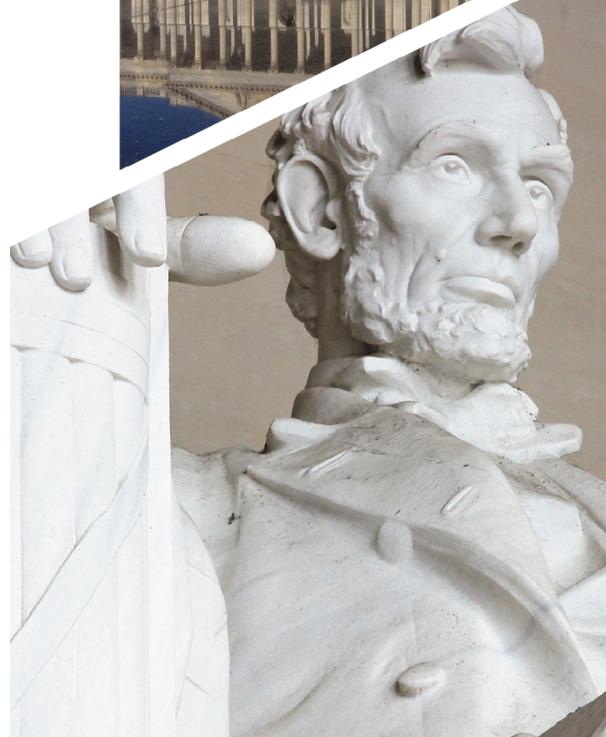
June 1-5, 2026

Program Information and
Application Form

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PO Box 759 • West Jefferson, NC 28694 • (336) 877-1350 • (800) 759-2226

Application Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2025



Eligibility

Applicant's parents must be SkyLine members or SkyBest Communications telephone or broadband service customers of at least one year, and family must reside full-time in the companies' service area. Two area high school juniors will be sponsored this year.

Other Program Requirements

1. Be a high school junior in SkyLine's five-county service area (Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Watauga or Johnson).
2. Have at least a 3.25 grade-point-average (GPA).
3. Exhibit demonstrated leadership in campus organizations.
4. Exhibit demonstrated interest in community through volunteer activities.

Application Requirements

1. Complete a Youth Tour application.
2. Include with your application a brief letter, which states why you would like to attend and what your plans are beyond high school.
3. Include with your application a letter of recommendation from a teacher, youth leader or school official.
4. Write an essay of up to 300 words that addresses one of the following topics:
 - a. SkyLine is a member-owned telecommunications cooperative. What are the basic differences between a cooperative and other types of business. What is your general impression of SkyLine, based on your own knowledge and your review of information about the company that is included on its website (www.skybest.com)?
 - b. What is your opinion of social media and its impact on society? Are there aspects of social media that have been beneficial to you?
5. Return these items, along with a recent school photograph of yourself, to your school counselor by **Friday, March 21, 2025**.

NOTE: Children of SkyLine employees and directors are ineligible for consideration.

Transportation Arrangements

In addition to full sponsorship of the tour for two students, SkyLine will pay the airfare tickets to and from Washington, D.C. Additionally, the cooperative will provide \$75 to each of the participants to cover incidental expenses during their trip to Washington, D.C.

For More Information

Contact: Your school counselor or SkyLine at (800) 759-2226.

2026 Youth Tour Application

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Name _____
Last First Middle

Home Telephone # (_____) _____ Cell Telephone # (_____) _____

Email Address _____ Your T-shirt/Sweatshirt size _____

High School _____ County of Residence _____

Address _____
Street Box City State Zip

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex: M _____ F _____ Married _____ Single _____

Father's Name _____ Living _____ Deceased _____
Last First Middle Name he goes by

Mother's Name _____ Living _____ Deceased _____
Last First Middle Name she goes by

In the event you are selected, how would you want your parents' names listed? _____

Academic and school honors received: _____

Student Clubs/Organizations: _____

Special interests, hobbies or talents: _____

Volunteer/Community Activities: _____

Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to SkyLine Membership Corporation to contact my school, if necessary, and to use my name and photograph in promotional materials in the event that I am selected to receive a sponsorship.

To sign, type full name if you plan to submit your application and attachments digitally.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Please Include the Following with Your Application

- One recent photograph, preferably school photograph – digital files will be accepted.
- A separate written narrative stating why you would like to attend the Youth Tour and what your plans are beyond high school.
- A written essay of up to 300 words on one of the three selected topics (see Application Information & Requirements).
- Letter of recommendation from high school teacher, other school official or youth leader.