

Contest Guidelines

1. Applicants must be members of the 2023-24 Junior Class in a school within the Central service territory.
2. After a review of the applications, five students will be selected for final interviews. Two of those will be awarded an all-expense trip to Washington D.C. All five finalist will receive a scholarship.
3. **Applicants must be able to participate in the interview process by appointment during the week of March 4-8, 2024.**

Application

1. Each applicant shall submit a completed application online.
2. Entries must be received by Friday, February 2, 2024, at 5 p.m.
3. All applications become the property of Central Rural Electric Cooperative.

Contest Judging

1. All applications will be reviewed by judges chosen by Central.
2. Five students will be selected for interviews based on their essay.
3. Judges will choose two winners based upon the following criteria:
 - 25% Written Application & Resumé
 - School, community and work activities
 - 25% Essay
 - Essay should be an original work of 600 to 800 words typed and double spaced on 8½" x 11" paper.
 - No name should appear on the essay but must be included on the cover sheet.
 - Correct usage of words, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure.
 - Recognizable point being made and solid support of your view.
 - 50% Interview
 - Knowledge of electric cooperatives
 - Responses to interview questions
 - Poise and Personality (overall presentation)

Essay Topic

"What programs and services could Central implement to empower our members and communities?"

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