

Foundation of Rural Services(FRS)Youth Tour FAQ

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour brings together over 100 high school students from rural communities across the nation for a five-day trip to Washington, D.C.. During the tour, students will learn about legislative and agency processes and the role of broadband services in rural communities. This unique educational experience allows students to visit Washington, D.C., meet high school students from other states, and tour historical sites while learning about Capitol Hill and the Federal government.

While on the Youth Tour, students and chaperones will visit historical sites and monuments, including Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. They will also tour Smithsonian Museums, meet with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) officials and Congressional staff, attend a show at the Kennedy Center, and develop leadership skills while building lifelong relationships with peers.

Question: What is the FRS Youth Tour?

Answer: The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour is an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., from June 2–6, 2025. Students will tour historical sites, meet with government officials, visit the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and develop leadership skills.

Question: Who is eligible to apply?

Answer: Applicants must be high school students between the ages of 15 and 17 at the time of the tour. Students who are 18 or older at the time of the trip are not eligible.

Question: What does the Youth Tour cover?

Answer: The trip includes round-trip airfare to Washington, D.C., four nights of hotel accommodations, three meals per day, bus transportation to activities, admission to museums and special events, a Youth Tour t-shirt, and \$75 in spending cash from Kanokla.

Question: How do I apply?

Answer: You can submit a completed application Online at <https://www.kanokla.com/youth-applications/>, by email to scholarships@kanokla.com or by mail to: Kanokla - Attn: Erma Ratliff P.O. Box 111, Caldwell, KS 67022

Question: What documents are required for my application?

Answer: A complete application must include: Application Form (with student and guardian signatures), high School Transcript (GPA of 2.75 or higher), recommendation Form (from a teacher, counselor, pastor, neighbor, or employer) and a Letter of Interest (explaining why you want to attend the Youth Tour)

Question: Who can write my recommendation?

Answer: A teacher, school counselor, principal, pastor, family friend, or employer can complete your recommendation form.

Question: What should my Letter of Interest include?

Answer: The Letter of Interest should be addressed to the Kanokla Board of Directors and explain why the student wants to attend the Youth Tour, their academic and extracurricular achievements, and what they hope to gain from the experience.

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Question: Do I need to be a Kanokla customer to apply?

Answers: Yes, applicants must either live in Kanokla's service area or be a dependent of a Kanokla customer.

Question: How are students selected?

Answers: Students are selected based on academic performance (minimum 2.75 GPA), community and school involvement, the strength of their Letter of Interest, and a recommendation from a trusted adult.

Question: When will recipients be notified?

Answers: Winners will be notified in April of 2024

Question: Who can I contact for more information?

Answers: You can contact Erma Ratliff at Kanokla by emailing scholarships@kanokla.com or visiting www.FRS.org/youthtour.