

Boone Electric Cooperative is proud of the support we provide to area students and their schools. The cooperative has participated in AMEC's CYCLE Leadership Program since the 1990s. Six delegates will be chosen to attend a leadership conference in Jefferson City, Missouri. The focus is to show students more about electric cooperatives, teach leadership skills and experience Missouri state government. The program includes nationally known speakers and a day at the state Capitol.

## Contest Guidelines

### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:

This contest is open to any high school or home-schooled sophomore who attends a school in the Boone Electric Cooperative service area. *Children of BEC Directors are not eligible to enter.*

### APPLICATION CONTENT:

The following items must be submitted to be considered for the 2026 CYCLE Leadership Program. Please use this as a checklist.

- A signed and dated copy of the completed 2026 CYCLE application.
- A reference letter from an adult in your community (teacher, counselor, minister, etc.).
- A brief paragraph stating why you would like to be chosen as a CYCLE delegate.
- Submit a short video or write a 250-500 word response on the prompt: **The Youth Tour program is searching for the next generation of leaders. Think about someone you admire as a great leader. This could be a famous figure or someone in your everyday life who inspires you. Who is a leader that has made a big impact on you, and why do you look up to them? What qualities or actions make them a true leader in your eyes? How have they influenced the kind of leader you want to become?** Written responses should be typed or legibly handwritten. **Do not include your name on your response pages or video.** Applications will be judged for creativity, accuracy, clarity, grammar, punctuation and the level of independent research.

### APPLICATION DELIVERY AND DEADLINE:

Applications must be postmarked or received in Boone Electric's office no later than **Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 5 p.m.**

### FINALISTS:

Finalists will be notified no later than **March 20, 2026** via email or letter. Judges will review the applications and video or written responses to determine six delegates for the CYCLE leadership conference. Delegates will be invited to attend a reception on **April 9, 2026**. Decisions of the judges will be final.

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# Boone Electric Cooperative CYCLE Cover Sheet

# 2026

*You must either type or print all your answers neatly in ink. Illegible entries may result in disqualification.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*First M.I. Last*

**Permanent mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number & Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City Zip Home Phone (incl. area code) Cell Phone (incl. area code)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Email. Please do not use your school email as you may not have access over the summer. School attending*

**Parent/Guardian Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about the CYCLE leadership program?**

I certify that this information is true, complete and accurate. I attest that I have read the guidelines associated with this leadership program. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I further authorize release of my name in connection with announcements of CYCLE awards in the event that I am selected to be a Boone Electric Cooperative CYCLE delegate. I grant Boone Electric Cooperative permission to take my photograph or use photographs sent to Boone Electric in marketing pieces to promote future youth programs.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Applicant's signature & date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian signature & date*

**Application Deadline: Saturday, February 28, 2026 by 5 p.m.**

**Email application to:** Communications@BooneElectric.com (preferred)

OR

**Mail application to:** BEC CYCLE Scholarship, P.O. Box 797, Columbia, MO 65205-0797

**Deliver in person:** 1413 Rangeline St., Columbia, MO 65201

**Questions?** Please contact Communications at 573-449-4181 or email Communications@BooneElectric.com

# Boone Electric Cooperative

## CYCLE Application

# 2026

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Please note: You may attach a separate piece of paper if you need more space to answer the questions below.

**1. What have you done in your lifetime that gives you the greatest sense of accomplishment or satisfaction?**

**Please give details:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Judge's Score (1-5): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. List high school activities with school, community and other organizations:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Judge's Score (1-5): \_\_\_\_\_

**3. List any high school achievements or awards received:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Judge's Score (1-5): \_\_\_\_\_

# Boone Electric Cooperative

## CYCLE Application

# 2026

**Please attach the following to your application.**

4. A brief paragraph stating why you would like to be chosen to receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2026 CYCLE Leadership Conference in Jefferson City, Missouri.

**Judge's Score (1-5): \_\_\_\_\_**

5. Submit a short video or write a 250-500 word response on the prompt: **The Youth Tour program is searching for the next generation of leaders. Think about someone you admire as a great leader. This could be a famous figure or someone in your everyday life who inspires you. Who is a leader that has made a big impact on you, and why do you look up to them? What qualities or actions make them a true leader in your eyes? How have they influenced the kind of leader you want to become?** Written responses should be typed or legibly handwritten. **Do not include your name on your response pages or video.** Applications will be judged for creativity, accuracy, clarity, grammar, punctuation and the level of independent research.

**Judge's Score (1-10): \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Judging:**

Application questions are worth a total of 5 points each and the video or written response question is worth 10 points for a combined total of 30 points. All decisions of the judges are final.

### **Questions:**

Contact Communications at 573-449-4181 or by email at [Communications@BooneElectric.com](mailto:Communications@BooneElectric.com).

### **Important dates: (no late entries will be accepted)**

**February 28, 2026 by 5 p.m.** - Applications due to Boone Electric.

**March 20, 2026** - Announcement of finalists

**April 9, 2026** - Reception for the 2026 CYCLE & Youth Tour competition. (if you are a delegate, you must attend this reception).

**July 14-17, 2026** - Trip to Jefferson City, Missouri (please make sure that this date does not coincide with sports camps and/or other programs that you wish to take part in).