

**Application Deadline:**

Postmarked or delivered no later than January 2, 2012



**Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 



**Lincoln Electric  
WANTS YOU!**

**HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS \*  
WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH TOUR  
TOUR DATES: JUNE 15-22 2012**

**I. Entry Form—Please type or print in black ink**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
(The student and/or parent or guardian must be served by Lincoln Electric Co-op)

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sophomore / Junior (CIRCLE ONE)

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Applicant must be a sophomore or junior in high school in the Fall of 2011



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**II. Interview - Personal interviews are required**

The Member Services Committee of LEC's Board of Trustees will be conducting 30 minute interviews with all finalists at LCHS on a yet to be determined date in January.

**III. References - (see page 3 and 4 for instructions to personal references)**

Please list the names of **three** people who will submit a personal reference form that is attached to this application on your behalf. One reference must be from a teacher. The other two references can be from another teacher and one community leader, or from two community leaders for a total of three references. You will have to make copies of the reference forms to accommodate this request. References can be attached to this application, or submitted confidentially directly to LEC.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Additional Information - on a separate sheet of paper, please complete the following:**


- 1 - List your school activities. Include any elected positions, special honors, awards and accomplishments from your high school career (i.e., class officer, plays, athletics, music etc.).
- 2 - List your extracurricular activities outside of school and the years of participation, such as 4-H, FFA, church, community and service clubs. Indicate honors, awards and accomplishments.
- 3 - Write a persuasive paragraph stating why you would like to go to Washington D.C. as a representative of Lincoln Electric Co-op. Your comments will be judged on content, composition, neatness and grammar.



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### Personal Reference - Teacher

*All references will remain strictly confidential and can be returned directly to Tim Engleson at the Co-op office.*

**Note to Applicant: Please give this form to a teacher who can provide an assessment of your skills and abilities.**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In what capacity and for how long have you known this applicant?
  
2. What words best describe this student?
  
3. What contributions does this student make in the classroom?

Mark the scale below that best describes this applicant about each trait.

Trait	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Maturity					
Cooperative Nature					
Potential					
Leadership Ability					
Desire to Succeed					
Desire to Excel					
Attitude					
Self Confidence					
Sense of Responsibility					
Social Skills					

Comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_


*References must be returned by Monday, January 2, 2012 to:*  
Tim Engleson      Lincoln Electric Co-op, PO Box 628      Eureka, MT 59917



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### Personal Reference - Community Leader

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**Note to Applicant: Please give this form to a community leader who can provide an assessment of your skills and abilities.**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In what capacity and for how long have you known this applicant?
2. What words best describe this student?
3. What contributions does this student make in the community?

Trait	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor
Maturity					
Cooperative Nature					
Potential					
Leadership Ability					
Desire to Succeed					
Desire to Excel					
Attitude					
Self Confidence					
Sense of Responsibility					
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Comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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*I have for the first time, truly tasted the American Spirit. I have a greater love for my nation than ever before. I believe that my experience will allow me to become a better citizen.*

*- UT Delegate*



*It is amazing that you guys could arrange this.*

*-UT Delegate*

*Incredible.*

*-UT Delegate*

## **HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH TOUR TOUR DATES: JUNE 15-22 2012**

### **Important Information for the Interview**

Judges will ask you questions about you - your abilities, school activities, goals and accomplishments. They will also be interested in knowing what information you have learned about Lincoln Electric Co-op by visiting our website ([www.lincolnelectric.coop](http://www.lincolnelectric.coop)) and about cooperatives in general. Applicants will be judged on the following categories:

- 20%** Written application and paragraph
- 30%** Poise (includes ability to express thoughts and ideas)
- 20%** Knowledge of Lincoln Electric and cooperatives
- 20%** Personality and Interviewer's impression
- 10%** Professional Appearance

### **Study Sheet**

- Lincoln Electric's General Manager? *Ray Ellis*
- Governing body of the cooperative? *10 member Board of Trustees*
- LEC's GreenPower program uses what renewable energy source? *Wind power*
- How does LEC's residential energy rate compare to the national average? *At 6.04 cents per kilowatt-hour, about 1/2 the national average of 11.5 cents*
- How many meters does the Cooperative serve? *More than 5,000*
- When was Lincoln Electric organized? *January 1948*
- How has Lincoln Electric Co-op's loads changed over the years? *Less industrial load now*
- When is the annual membership meeting? *March of each year*
- Who supplies Lincoln Electric's wholesale power? *The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)*
- What energy sources does BPA use to supply power to LEC? *85% Hydro from dams on the Columbia River System, 10% Nuclear and 5% Renewables (mainly wind power)*
- What is the most energy efficient heating/cooling system available? *Ground Source Heat Pump*

### **-Bonus Questions-**

- What are the differences between an electric cooperative and an investor owned utility (IOU)?
- What is the single largest issue facing Lincoln Electric today?
- List some of the energy efficiency and energy conservation programs LEC offers our members.
- What is net-metering and what does it allow co-op members to do?

It would be to your advantage to be able to give further information on any of these questions. Further information may be obtained at [www.lincolnelectric.coop](http://www.lincolnelectric.coop) or past issues of *Rural Montana* magazine, which includes LEC's 4-page *News & Views* newsletter.