



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

### Tip of the Month:

Unplug your phone charger when you're not using it! Even when charging a device, it still uses energy.

### APPLY FOR NOVEC'S YOUTH TOUR PROGRAM!

NOVEC is now accepting applications for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour of Washington, D.C., June 10-14, 2018. The selected students will also visit Richmond, Virginia, in February 2019 to meet their state legislators in the General Assembly's House of Delegates and the Senate. Applicants must be public, private, or home-schooled high school sophomores or juniors whose homes are currently served by NOVEC.

#### What is Youth Tour?

President Lyndon B. Johnson suggested the idea in the 1950s when he was a U.S. senator. He wanted high school students from across the country to visit the nation's capital to see how their federal government works. The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association liked the idea and organized its first Youth Tour in 1964. Approximately 400 high school students from 12 states participated. Since then, thousands of high school students from electric co-ops in 47 states have gathered on Capitol Hill.

#### The 2018 Tour

After reviewing the applications, NOVEC will interview student candidates in late February. From these interviews, the Co-op will select five students who express an interest in history and government for the 2018 tour. These students, along with more than 1,800 students nationwide, will meet congressional representatives; tour museums, historic sites, and memorials; and enjoy special events and entertainment.

#### How to Apply

Download the application form at [www.novec.com/youthtour](http://www.novec.com/youthtour) or request one from [youthtour@novec.com](mailto:youthtour@novec.com).

#### Mail to:

Ms. Emily Ready  
NOVEC  
P.O. Box 2710  
Manassas, VA 20108

The completed application with a required essay and two letters of recommendation must be received by close of business on **Feb. 9, 2018**.

For more information, contact Emily Ready at [youthtour@novec.com](mailto:youthtour@novec.com) or 703-392-1759.

### You could earn up to



in scholarships!

### APPLY ONLINE FOR NOVEC'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the NOVEC Scholarship Program open Jan. 4, 2018!

**DUE DATE: March 13, 2018**

NOVEC will award eleven \$1,500 scholarships to high school seniors in Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William, and Stafford counties as well as the City of Manassas Park – where NOVEC provides electric service.

The scholarship committees will also award a single \$1,500 scholarship to a home-schooled or private school student. In addition, the overall top student will receive the \$1,500 Garber Scholarship. That student will receive a total of \$3,000 in scholarships.

The application process can be completed online. Applications and all required materials must be submitted by the deadline. The requirements and details of the process can be found at [www.novec.com/scholarships](http://www.novec.com/scholarships).

For more information, contact Cindy Fithian at [scholarships@novec.com](mailto:scholarships@novec.com) or 703-392-1511.

## WINTER STORM OUTAGE PREPARATION

Winter has arrived, and Virginia has already seen its first snow. It's as important to prepare for winter power outages as it is during any other season. Be prepared, plan ahead, and follow these tips:

- ❄️ If you have a wood-burning fireplace, have a chimney sweep clean it. It may be used more during an outage.
- ❄️ Have plenty of wood available. Cover it with a tarp to keep it dry if stored outside.
- ❄️ Open drapes and shades on sun-facing windows during the day, and close them at night.
- ❄️ Keep heat indoors by entering/exiting the home as few times as possible.
- ❄️ If the temperature outside is 32 degrees or below, water pipes can freeze. Let your faucets drip until power is restored.
- ❄️ Keep cellphones charged, and have a portable cellphone charger ready as backup.
- ❄️ Never use a generator, camp stove or charcoal grill indoors. Use canned fuel and a fondue pot or chafing dish to heat food during an outage.
- ❄️ Stock up on nonperishable food and bottled water. Don't forget a manual can-opener!
- ❄️ Have an emergency kit prepared with flashlights, a battery-operated radio, and fresh batteries.

For more tips and a list of more emergency kit items, visit [www.novec.com/outageinfo](http://www.novec.com/outageinfo).

If you experience an outage, report it at [www.novec.com/report](http://www.novec.com/report) or call 703-335-0500. You can also text **#OUT** to **85700** to report and STATUS for updates. Make sure your cellphone number is listed on your account to use this service. If you see a downed line or trees in contact with lines, stay away and call to notify NOVEC immediately.

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### UPDATE YOUR PHONE NUMBERS

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#### How to update your phone number(s):

- Log in to your [NOVEC.com](http://www.novec.com) account and update your information.
- Create a [NOVEC.com](http://www.novec.com) account.
- Call the Customer Care Center at 703-335-0500.



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