



2020

**Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour
Application**



GBT will sponsor two students to visit Washington D.C.

June 6th – 10th 2020



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Youth Tour Overview

GBT and the Foundation for Rural Service are offering students from rural areas a once in a lifetime experience! Students get a first-hand look at the telecommunications industry, learn about legislative and governmental process, and get the rare opportunity to visit our nation's capital. The Foundation for Rural Service limits the tour to 100 students so they have the opportunity to meet other students from across rural America. To learn more about the tour, visit www.frs.org/youth-programs/youth-tour

Application Overview

GBT will cover all registration, travel and tour expenses for two students to attend the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour. The students will also receive \$50 spending money. The total tour value is \$1,700.

Applicants must:

- Be 16 or 17 years old at the time of the Youth Tour.
- Receive communication services from GBT (*Nex-Tech Wireless customers do not qualify*).
- Attend the 2021 GBT Annual Meeting (March/April TBD).
- Make a video upon return of the trip with the assistance of GBT.

Applications are due on or before March 16th, 2020.

Return application and all materials to:

GBT
Attn: Marketing
PO Box 229
Rush Center, KS 67575

Checklist

- ✓ The application must be completed in full. The application will not be considered if any information is incomplete.
- ✓ Submit Essay
- ✓ Sign Certification
- ✓ Have a high school teacher, guidance counselor, or principal complete the character evaluation and submit a letter or recommendation.



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Essay Topics

Please submit a typed essay answering the following topics. (400-500 words)

How has technology impacted your life in rural Kansas?

Name: _____ Birthday: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s): **Must be GBT customer*

High School: _____ GPA: _____ Grade: _____

Please list service(s) you receive from GBT: _____

Certification

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree that the selection committee has my permission to verify any and all information. I understand that I must submit the application and all materials on or before March 16th, 2020 to be eligible for consideration.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



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Activities

Please list all school activities which you have participated in during high school.
(Ex: athletics, school government, music, clubs, etc.) **Attach additional page if needed.**

Activity	No. of years involved	Special Awards, Honors, Offices held

Community Involvement

Please list all non-paid community activities which you have participated in during high school.
(Ex: volunteer efforts, church work, etc.) **Attach additional page if needed.**

Activity	Time Spent	Comments

Work Experience

Since starting high school, list all work experience in chronological order, with your most recent job listed first. **Attach additional page if needed.**

Company	Position	Employment Dates	Avg Hours Per Week



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Recommendation Letter and Character Evaluation

This form is to be filled out by one of your high school teachers, guidance counselor or principal. This form and reference letter is to be submitted by the applicant with completed application in a **sealed envelope**.

School Official: Please fill out, copy and place both forms in a *sealed* envelope before returning to applicant.

Applicant's Name: _____

High School: _____

School Official's Name: _____

School Official's Position: _____ Phone #: _____

Recommendation Letter

School Official: Please submit a one-page typed letter describing the applicant's strengths and potential for future success. We welcome any information that will help distinguish this applicant from others. Please include in what capacity and how long you have known the applicant.

Character Evaluation

Compared with other high school students, how would you rate this student in the following areas?

	Average	Good	Very Good	Excellent (Top 5%)
Optimistic Attitude				
High Principles and Values				
Academic Achievement				
Respect for Others				
Maturity				
Leadership Qualities				
Pride in School and Community				

Signature of Evaluator: _____ Date: _____



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YOUTH TOUR *Frequently Asked Questions*

Q: Who may take part in the FRS Youth Tour?

A: Any high school student, age 16 or 17 years old at the time of the Youth Tour. FRS will NOT accept any student 18 years of age and over – no exceptions will be made. Students must receive service from a current National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA) member company such as GBT.

Q: What if I will be 18 at the time of the Youth Tour?

A: Students who are 18 years or older at the time of the Youth Tour will NOT be permitted to attend. No Exceptions will be made.

Q: What does the registration fee cover and who is responsible for paying it?

A: The registration fee of \$1,075 is paid for by GBT. It covers all Washington D.C. based expenses, including: four nights at the Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, VA, three meals a day, bus transportation to all activities, admission to ticketed events, special entertainment, airport greeting and transportation, gratuities, Youth Tour t-shirt, student yearbook, student dance with DJ, and all supplies/materials.

Q: Are there any expenses I have to pay?

A: Not really. GBT covers the cost of airfare. *However, students are required to find their own source of transportation to the airport.* GBT will communicate to selected individuals about their wishes coordinating travel. In addition, \$50 will be given to the student to be used for souvenirs and any other incidentals. Students may bring additional money with them if they choose.

Q: When is the deadline for me to apply?

A: GBT must receive your completed application and essay no later than March 16th, 2020. The 2020 delegates will be selected and announced no later than March 31st, 2020.

Q: Would I be responsible for making my flight arrangements?

A: No. GBT will take care of the registration as well as travel itinerary. Please note that all students and chaperones are required to fly from Kansas City (MCI) into and out of Reagan National Airport (DCA).

Q: Who can I contact if I or my parents have other questions?

A: Please contact Kelly Baalman at 800-432-7965 or email kbaalman@gbtlive.com.