



Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Big Country Development Corporation

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Government-In-Action Youth Tour Speech Contest - 2012

Contest Rules:

1. This contest is open to any boy or girl who is enrolled as a Sophomore, Junior or Senior in the 2011-2012 school year at any of the high schools in the Big Country Electric Cooperative service area.
2. Contestants will be required to give a 6 – 8 minute speech on: "What role should government play in the regulation of the energy industry?"
3. Each speaker will be asked one question by the judges. The question will be taken from the questions provided to each entrant.
4. Notes may be used. Audio effects, posters and visuals are not allowed. Emphasis will be on the knowledge of subject and presentation.
5. A judging committee will select up to three winners depending on the number of participants.
 - 1-5 contestants = 1 winner
 - 6-9 contestants = 2 winners
 - 10 or more contestants = 3 winners

Winners will be selected on a competitive basis, using the following points for scoring:

Knowledge of Subject	50%	(40 points)	
Presentation	50%	(40 points)	(10 points for each: Speaking Ability, Poise, Personality & Appearance)

All contestants will compete in the same contest. The contestant(s) with the highest score(s) will be chosen as the winner(s). An alternate will also be chosen in the event the winner(s) cannot make the trip to Washington, D.C.

6. Former winners or members of the immediate families of employees or Directors of Big Country Electric Cooperative are not eligible to participate. (Immediate family is defined as a member of the employee or Director's household.)
7. Entry forms must be received by Big Country Electric Cooperative no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2012.
8. The contest will be held at the Roby High School Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 2012.
9. Entries may be delivered to the offices of Big Country Electric Cooperative in Roby, Snyder, Stamford or mailed to:
 - Big Country Electric Cooperative
 - Attn: Sarah Dickson
 - P.O. Box 518
 - Roby, Texas 79543
 - (325) 776-3803
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