

YOUTH LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY

Youth Leadership University is a one-day event where each school will be represented by a student and a counselor or teacher. Each student is expected to attend the all day event in its entirety. The day will consist of speakers, games, lunch and a power plant tour. The power plant tour will be for students only, but Dixie Electric encourages counselors or teachers to stay through lunch.

What should you expect from Youth Leadership University?

Youth Leadership University will teach students about Dixie Electric and what it means to be a member. They will learn how their electric cooperative began, and what a cooperative business is today. The students will learn facts about Dixie Electric, how electricity is produced, the youth leadership program and much more.

At the Youth Leadership University, a speaker will explain the youth leadership workshop and tour program. This will allow students to see what they will experience if selected to attend the Leadership Workshop held in Jackson, Mississippi, as well as the Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C.

A speaker from Cooperative Energy will explain how electricity is generated and the different types of fuels used to produce electricity. Also, Mississippi legislators will participate in a panel discussion, explaining how state government works, their role in it, and their personal and political career backgrounds.

After lunch, the students will tour Plant Moselle, which is a natural-gas fired generating facility in Jones County. Each student will be provided a hard hat for their protection. Students, please wear long pants or jeans and closed toe shoes with solid soles.

Youth Leadership University will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18, beginning at 7:45 a.m. at the Dixie Electric office in Laurel. Registration begins at 7:15 a.m.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held at the Dixie Electric office in Laurel all day on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Each student will be assigned an interview time. Counselors or teachers are welcome to come for support, but will not be allowed in the interview. Students should dress as if they were going to a job interview. The judging panel will consist of out-of-town judges. Only two students will be selected for the Youth Leadership Program. Students who interview will receive a letter informing them of the results.

What should you expect after Youth Leadership University and interviews?

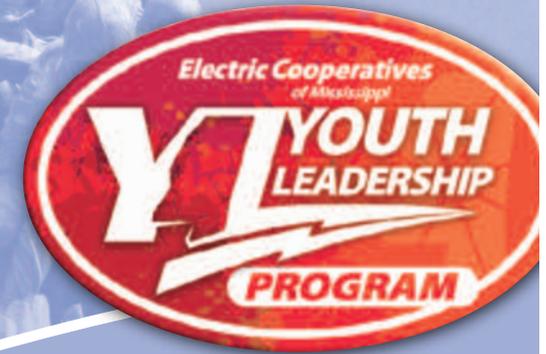
Whether or not you are selected to represent Dixie Electric for the Youth Leadership Program, we are honored to welcome you to the Youth Leadership Team. Each and every student is a leader, and we are excited to have you in our Dixie Electric family. Every student will be asked to attend and assist in the following events for Dixie Electric: Relay for Life in Jones County on April 26 and Relay for Life in Petal on May 3.

Leadership Workshop

Jackson, Mississippi

Youth Tour

Washington, D.C.



"Youth Tour truly embodied an opportunity of a lifetime, and I feel honored to have been selected to experience it. Seeing the location of where the power of our nation resides is inspiring, not only to me as a future leader, but to every American."

*— Aubrey Gaudet,
2018 Student Participant*



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Dixie Electric Power Association, in an effort to better acquaint the future leaders of our communities with the cooperative philosophy, is participating with other Mississippi electric cooperatives in a statewide youth leadership program. Our Youth Leadership Program is designed to provide participants with an opportunity to learn about electric cooperatives, how and why cooperatives operate, and how electricity is distributed, in addition to sharpening their leadership skills.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The contest is open to junior class members in high schools located within Dixie Electric's service area. Each high school will select up to three representatives to participate in Dixie Electric's Youth Leadership University. A select number of students will be invited back for interviews after attending Youth Leadership University.

The students must be able to attend the Youth Leadership University on Tuesday, Sept. 18, and the interview on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018.

The students must also be able to attend the Youth Leadership Workshop in Jackson, Miss., Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2019, and the Washington, D.C., Youth Tour June 15-21, 2019.

- Parents or guardians with whom participants reside must be a Dixie Electric member.
- The students must have, at present, a B-grade point average in general subjects of study or advanced studies including English, science, history and mathematics.
- The students must be involved in extra-curricular activities sponsored by the school. The student must be active in youth leadership organizations.
- The student must possess the following characteristics:
 - Active in church, civic or community activities
 - Outstanding citizen respected by fellow classmates
 - Solid school attendance record
 - Outgoing personality

Finally, the students representing Dixie Electric will be involved in a statewide selection process in which one student will be selected to represent Mississippi on the National Youth Leadership Consulting Board. The chosen student will be required to represent Mississippi at various meetings.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS LEARN THROUGH THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM?

Skills that will enable participants to become a leader in their schools, homes and communities

It is our goal to provide students with the proper tools and encouragement that will help them become student leaders today. These leaders are strong supporters of youth in the community and have proven themselves in all areas of leadership. In the past, motivational presentations have been given by the Governor and the Lt. Governor.

The internal workings of our state and federal government lawmaking bodies

Students will have the opportunity to meet with their state senator and representative in Jackson and their congressional delegation in Washington. They will also hear special presentations from government leaders.

The utility business and the cooperative manner in which Dixie Electric operates

Why were rural electric cooperatives organized? What impact have rural electric cooperatives had in the development of rural Mississippi? What is a cooperative, and what does it mean to the student? What purpose do cooperatives serve? How is an investor-owned corporation different from a cooperative? How does electricity flow from the generation facility to your house? These are just a few of the questions that will be answered.

AWARDS

The two students selected will win an all-expense-paid trip to the Youth Leadership Workshop in Jackson, Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2019, and the Youth Tour of Washington, D.C., June 15-21, 2019. Students will be under adult supervision at all times.