



* 2026 FRS Youth Tour Application *

To be eligible: Candidates must be age 15, 16, or 17 years old at the time of the tour **and** attending Colton High School **or** be an immediate family member legally residing in the household that is a member of COLTONTEL. **You must be under the age of 18 during the duration of the trip.**

COLTONTEL, in cooperation with the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS), is offering a unique opportunity to a member of your class to visit our nation's capital city June 1 – 5, 2026. You will get to see many of the places you have been reading about throughout your school experience.

Of course, we are not just sending someone to Washington to play! You will join a group of students from all over rural America to have a firsthand look at the cooperative telecommunications industry. You may witness the legislative process by visiting Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, and other related agencies. We want you to gain knowledge that will make you a more enlightened member of our community. We would hope that you would especially learn about the telephone cooperative so that you could share your knowledge with others.

All of your expenses for travel, lodging, and food will be paid for by COLTONTEL. In addition, we will provide you with \$200 spending money.

Who goes? Because this is an investment, we want the applicant going to be a student who shows leadership skills in school and/or the community. The student should take his/her studies seriously. The student should be able to follow procedures and be willing to accept the guidance of chaperones. Finally, the student who is selected, must be willing to "report back". The student will be required to share his/her experience with the COLTONTEL Board of Directors, your classmates at school, the members of COLTONTEL at the Annual Meeting, a school Board meeting, and perhaps in other ways to bring the cooperative ideas to local people.

How will the selection be made? Applications are available through our business office and from the Colton H.S. counselor's office. Completed applications need to be submitted to our office by the due date. The COLTONTEL Board of Directors will make the final selection after screening applications and interviewing the finalists.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – 3:30 p.m. – Friday – March 13, 2026 (ATTN: Jason)

Sincerely,

NOTE: Those selected **MUST** arrange to take finals and complete any other schoolwork due during the last week of school.

COLTONTEL Board of Directors

If you should have additional questions, call the Business Office at 503-824-3211.



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Your Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
Parent's Name(s) _____
Address _____
Home Phone _____ Contact _____

Provide two references who are not related to you.

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
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Address _____

~ Please answer these questions in essay form and attach to your application ~

1. What is a cooperative? In your own words, define what it is, how it operates, and any benefits it offers. Then describe your personal experience with a cooperative.

Please provide answer on separate paper

2. Provide a detailed description of the courses of study you have taken in high school. Include any special awards or recognition you have received.

Please provide answer on separate paper

3. Describe your extra-curricular activities in school and in the community – such as sports, student government, clubs, volunteer work, etc. Include any leadership experience and any special awards you have received.

Please provide answer on separate paper