



**FRS Youth Tour Application**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
**June 1-5, 2026**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026**

This opportunity is available for high school students age 16 & 17 at the time of the Youth Tour. Applicants must be dependents of current Alliance Communications members.

- Include with this application a one-page essay answering the question: "In your opinion, how can we, as a rural community, have a bigger voice in America?"
- Include high school transcripts
- Include one letter of recommendation.

If you have questions, please call Paul VanDeBerg at 605-594-8250.

Name of Applicant

Home Address

City

Student Mobile Phone #

Student Email

Parent or Guardian (please list both, if applicable)

Parent Phone #

Parent Email Address

**Applicant's Information**

Employment (if applicable)

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

High School

Current GPA

High School Awards and Honors

Extracurricular Activities

Leadership and/or Offices Held

Talents and Hobbies

Why do you want to attend the Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour in Washington D.C.? Max 200 words.

Applicant Certification: I hereby certify that the information on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to Alliance Communications to use my name and likeness in promotional materials in the event that I am selected as a tour winner.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature

Date

**Submit your application**

Email to: Paul VanDeBerg at paulv@alliance.coop

Mail completed applications, postmarked no later than Monday, March 2, 2026

Alliance Communications

Attn: Paul VanDeBerg

PO Box 732

Brandon, SD 57005

**Drop off locations**

Alliance

612 3rd St.

Garretson, SD

Alliance

501 2nd St.

Baltic, SD

Alliance

1400 E. Aspen Blvd.

Brandon, SD

Students MUST be high school students, age 16 or 17 at the time of the Youth Tour. FRS will not accept any student age 18 or over. **No exceptions will be made.**