



2026 East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar

East Texas Baptist University • Marshall, Texas

June 8 – June 12, 2026

Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative, along with nine other East Texas electric cooperatives, is preparing for the annual East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar—ETREYS. This year the event will be held from June 8 – 12, 2026 at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas.



Established in 1988, the mission of ETREYS is to foster positive ideas and values among young people and to enhance skills in leadership, problem solving and interpersonal relationships.

Each year, DETEC offers an all-expenses-paid trip to selected sophomores and juniors who are attending a high school in the DETEC service area. Participants are selected on the basis of overall excellence and involvement in

extracurricular activities including leadership positions, academic awards, etc.



While at ETREYS students can expect to participate in workshops, seminars and peer group activities that range from leadership development to pure entertainment. Nationally known personalities, college professors and community leaders are scheduled to speak at this year's event. Additionally, each student has a chance to compete for college scholarship funds!

ELIGIBILITY:

- Current high school sophomore or junior attending a high school in the Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative service area.
- Application must include:
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation from two of applicant's current teachers.
 - Copy of your high school transcript.
 - A recent 3 x 4" color photo (head shot preferred).
 - Signature of both applicant and parent/guardian.

Application due date: March 1, 2026

For more information, please contact:

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DELEGATE APPLICATION

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About ETREYS

East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar (“ETREYS”) is a leadership and educational seminar for high school youth organized and sponsored by East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminars (E.T.R.E.Y.S), Inc. (“ETREYS INC.”) and a group of nonprofit electric cooperatives (“Cooperatives”) utilizing Cooperative employees, volunteers, youth leaders, chaperones, speakers, and other professionals (collectively herein, “ETREYS Staff”). High School youth are selected and invited by each of the organizing Cooperatives to participate in ETREYS at no cost to the participant or “Delegate”. ETREYS INC., the Cooperatives, and all ETREYS Staff are collectively referred to in this “Agreement” as the “ETREYS Parties”.

To qualify for consideration as a Delegate, please provide the following information and sign the “Agreement for Consideration” found at the end.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street or P.O Box City State Zip

Contact Phone: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Family/Guardian Information

Father/Guardian Name

Mother/Guardian Name

Primary Phone #

Secondary Phone #

Name of Your Electricity Provider:

Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative

School Information

Applicant's High School

Graduation Year

Class Rank

Grade Average (GPA)

School Extracurricular Activities

List high school activities, including leadership positions, organizations, class offices, academic awards, etc.:

List civic and other activities:

List goals and aspirations after High School graduation:

Why have you applied to attend East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar?

Letters of Recommendation

Provide two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a high school teacher, principal, or counselor.

Student Photo

Attach a recent high resolution “3X4” head shot photo for use in the student directory and for ETREYS promotions. This should be similar to what is used in the school yearbook. No photocopies please. Photo **MUST** be of high quality that can be reproduced in a magazine. You may also email the photo to: brittneyj@deepeast.com.

Adult T-SHIRT Size (Circle one)

Small Medium Large X-Large 2XL 3XL 4XL

Use of Likeness Grant and Release

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in ETREYS the undersigned “Applicant” and the undersigned parent/legal guardian(s) (herein, “Guardian”) for himself or herself and also on behalf of Applicant hereby consent to the ETREYS Parties capturing images or sound recordings in any form of Applicant in connection with Applicant’s possible participation in ETREYS. Further, Applicant and Guardian hereby assign and grant to the ETREYS Parties, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use any images or sound recordings of Applicant captured in any form by the ETREYS Parties or provided to the ETREYS Parties by Applicant or Guardian (collectively, “Likeness”). Applicant and Guardian also releases the ETREYS Parties, the affiliates of the Cooperatives and the respective directors, officers, representatives, members, agents and employees of the proceeding parties from any and all liability that may arise from the use or publication of Applicant’s Likeness in any form known or unknown. Applicant and Guardian further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said Likeness without limitation at the discretion of the ETREYS Parties, and specifically waive any right to any compensation they may have for any of the foregoing.

Agreement for Consideration

In consideration for the opportunity to participate in ETREYS, Applicant and Guardian acknowledge and agree by their signatures below as follows:

- They have carefully read the “Use of Likeness Grant and Release” above, understand its contents and agree to its contents.
- They acknowledge that they have reviewed all of the information provided in this Application and certify that such information is true and correct.
- They consent to the ETREYS Parties review of the information contained in this Application and authorize the ETREYS Parties to confirm the information by any means determined by the ETREYS Parties.
- They understand that if any information in this Application is found to be inaccurate or misleading it may result in Applicant’s dismissal from participation in ETREYS if Applicant is selected to be a Delegate.
- In no way limiting the rights already granted to the ETREYS Parties in the “Use of Likeness Grant and Release” provision above, they consent to Applicant’s name and Likeness being published or used in connection with Applicant’s selection as an ETREYS Delegate, Applicant’s selections for an ETREY’S scholarship, or the promotion of ETREYS.
- They understand that any Applications that are not complete, completed inconsistent with the Application’s instructions or submitted after the Application deadline of **March 1, 2026** may not be considered.

Signatures

Printed Name of Applicant

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Guardian

Signature of Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Guardian

Signature of Guardian

Date