



YOUTH RALLY LEADERSHIP CAMP Application & Guidelines

SUMMARY

Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative, Inc. (BUECI) is committed to enriching the educational experience of our local students and supporting future members and directors of the Cooperative. BUECI is offering a great opportunity for two (2) 10th or 11th grade students to attend a week-long leadership camp at College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho in July 2019. Also, one Alaskan student will be selected as the Alaskan representative to the National Rural Electric Cooperative's Nation Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. which will be held in June of 2020.

The Youth Rally provides a full week of learning and fun. Students will attend interesting educational sessions, listen to amazing motivational speakers, play summer games of challenges and participate in fun activities such as barbeques, dances, bowling, and the local water park. All activities and games are designed to strengthen communication and leadership abilities and increase knowledge of the utility industry (<http://www.facebook.com/ICUAYouthRally>).

The Annual Youth Rally to College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho, is a scholarship competition and five-day leadership program organized by the Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association (ICUA) and supported by the Alaska Power Association. Eighty students attend the camp from seven states to:

- Gain knowledge about the utility industry and today's complexities
- Learn about the utility industry and decisions made by board members
- Practice excellent communication and teamwork to accomplish tasks
- Have a fun and educational week filled with good food, dances, volleyball, and friendships.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Deadline: Submit completed application by 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2019
- Where: College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho
- When: July 15-20, 2019
- Cost: The Cooperative covers scheduled travel, meals, and program expenses from Barrow, Alaska. Personal expenses (shopping) are not included.
- Schedule: Application deadline: March 14, 2019 at 5 p.m.
- Interview: Week of March 18, 2019
- Winners announced: Week of March 25, 2019
- Depart from Barrow: Departing July 13, 2019
- Return to Barrow: Returning July 21, 2019
- Questions: Contact Wendy Battle, Executive Assistant, at 907-852-6166 ext.6259 or Wendy.battle@bueci.org

PROGRAM RULES

1. **Eligibility:** Students must meet the following requirements to apply.
 - a. Be a dependent of an active BUECI member in good standing (current on bills).
 - b. Be enrolled as a sophomore or junior in high school, homeschool, or an alternative school (Kiita) in Barrow, Alaska.
 - c. Students who have previously attended, or been selected to attend the Youth Rally for BUECI are not eligible.

2. **Application Requirements (40% of score):**

- a. Submit a completed Application Form
- b. Submit a signed Rules of Conduct Form
- c. Submit a high school transcript dated after January 29, 2019
- d. Submit an essay that is one page, single-sided with 1" margins in a 12-point font and a title. Essay subject is to write about **“An accomplishment or some adversity that I have experienced and how it has impacted my life.”** Use spellcheck/grammar check before submitting the essay.

3. **Interview (60% of score):**

All applicants must be available to for a 15 to 30-minute personal interview the week of March 14, 2019. The interview will be completed before a Selection Committee in person or telephonically, at a location determined by the Cooperative. During the personal interview, students will be asked to answer a few questions, such as:

- a. Describe what you think makes a strong leader and how you exemplify these qualities?
 - b. Why do you want to go on the Youth Rally and what do you think you could learn by participating in the Youth Rally?
 - c. How do you hope to improve the local community after you graduate from high school?
4. **Selection Criteria:** The Selection Committee will select winners is based on the total score of the contestant’s application, transcript, essay, and personal interview. Up to two winners are selected annually.
 5. If selected, students agree to:
 - a. Attend the BUECI Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 5, 2019, in Barrow, Alaska, to receive their award before the membership of the Cooperative, unless this conflicts with a prescheduled school event or school activity, and
 - b. Attend the ICUA Youth Rally as an ambassador of the Cooperative.
 6. Authorized expenses (travel, lodging, transportation, and food) will be paid by the Cooperative. A chaperone will also be provided from an Alaskan utility. All travel arrangements will be made by a Youth Rally Coordinator from the Alaska Power Association.
 7. **Deadline:** Submissions are due by 5:00 p.m., March 14, 2019. Submissions must be made by personal delivery to: Executive Assistant, Attn: Youth Rally, 1295 Agvik Street, Barrow, AK 99723.



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APPLICATION FORM

Yes, I am interested in being a Youth Representative for Barrow Utilities & Electric Cooperative at the Youth Rally Leadership Camp. I comprehend and agree upon the Program Rules stated on page 2 and understand that selection criteria.

Personal Information

Applicant's Name:		Nickname:	
Physical Address:			
Street	City	State	Zip
Mailing Address:			
PO Box	City	State	Zip
Phone:		Email:	
Date of Birth:		Current grade (circle): Soph. Junior	
High School:		T-shirt size:	
Will you consider participating in a fun Talent Show:			
Do you have any condition that would require accommodation (such as a medical condition): <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> Yes No </div>			
If so, please describe:			
Parent/Legal Guardian Name (print):			
Parent/Legal Guardian Phone:			
Parent/Legal Guardian Email:			
Student E-mail:			
I have read and understand this application form and my responsibilities as a BUECI Youth Rally Representative. I hereby ensure that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.			
Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
I/We the above named parent(s) / legal guardian(s) have read and understand this application form and grant consent for applicant to participate in events as outlined in this application.			
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:		Date:	



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School Participation (List activities you have participated in such as class officer, athletics, music, clubs, etc. Indicate any achievements such as Varsity Letter, captain, first chair in music, etc.):

<u>Activity</u> (sport/club)	<u>From (MM/YY)</u>	<u>To (MM/YY)</u>	<u>Description</u>
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Community/Extracurricular Activities (List non-school activities for which you have participated and note any leadership roles in which you have served such as church, club, competitive sports league, athletic competitions, Eagle Scout, ways you have served the community, or ways you have promoted your culture locally):

<u>Activity/Group</u>	<u>From (MM/YY)</u>	<u>To (MM/YY)</u>	<u>Description</u>
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Additional Information/Scholastic Awards (List additional information that demonstrates your leadership abilities and academic achievements):

<u>Activity/Achievement</u>	<u>From (MM/YY)</u>	<u>To (MM/YY)</u>	<u>Description</u>
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Career Goals and/or Future Plans: _____

Application Packet Must Contain:

- Application Form (add additional pages if necessary to list all activities)
- Rules of Conduct Form
- One-page Essay
- High school transcript dated after January 29, 2019

Deadline: Application must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2019.

Delivery: Deliver in person to:
Executive Assistant, Attn: Youth Rally, 1295 Agvik Street, Barrow, AK 99723

Questions: Contact Executive Assistant Wendy Battle at 907-852-6166 or e-mail
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RULES OF CONDUCT

Attending the Youth Rally is an honor and privilege. Those selected will serve as ambassadors of their community and their Cooperative. The rules reflect expectations that students will behave professionally during the Youth Rally trip.

1. All participants will follow the rules, regulations and schedules governing the rally. Failure to do so could result in the participant being sent home at his/her parent's expense.
2. Any use of alcohol or illegal drugs during the rally will result in the participant being sent home early at his/her parent's expense. The cost charged to the parent would be for any additional costs incurred to send student home early such as airfare change fees, additional airfare cost, etc.
3. Sexual misconduct will not be tolerated and will result in the participant being sent home at his/her parent's expense.
4. All persons and property will be treated with respect at all times. Any person destroying or taking property that does not belong to them will be charged for the cost of the damage and may be turned over to the appropriate authority.
5. Abusive language will not be tolerated.
6. Water fights will not be allowed in the dorms.
7. Fireworks or water balloons will not be allowed.
8. Participants will not be permitted to drive or rent a vehicle for any reason during the time of the rally.
9. Dress for classes will be similar to that worn to attend high school classes. Shoes and shirts are required. Shorts are permitted but should be "appropriate". No athletic shorts i.e. running shorts, soccer shorts, basketball shorts, etc.
10. Food will not be ordered for delivery to the dorm after 10:00 p.m.
11. Participants will not be allowed to leave the campus without being accompanied by a chaperone.
12. Curfew is 11:00 p. m. each night unless otherwise determined by the schedule. Participants will be in their assigned rooms at this time.

I have read and understand this application form and my responsibilities as a BUECI Youth Rally Representative. I will follow the stated Rules of Conduct.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

I/We the above named parent(s) / legal guardian(s) have read and understand this application form and grant consent for applicant to participate in events as outlined in this application. We agree to pay for additional travel costs, should they be incurred, to send student home if he/she does not abide by the Rules of Conduct.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:

Date:

ATTACH THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM



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APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

1. The Executive Assistant is the central point of contact for the Youth Rally application process.
2. Completed applications will also be collected by the Executive Assistant who will prepare them for “blind scoring”, which includes:
 - remove identifiable information (names),
 - code applications numerically,
 - make photocopies for the Selection Committee
3. Under the direction of the General Manager, the Administration will score candidates based on applications packet (application form, transcript, and essay). The top eight (8) candidates and will be scheduled to be interviewed by the Board of Directors.

Scholar (Transcript) & Leader	10 points
Athlete & Community Activities	10 points
Communicator: Essay	<u>20 points</u>
Total Application Packet Score	40 points
4. The Personal Interview will be performed by a panel which may be comprised of BUECI directors, the General Manager, and the Chief Financial Officer. Interviews will be 15 minutes long and will consist of five (5) minutes of “getting to know you” Q&A and ten (10) minutes of formal Q&A.

Appearance and Composure	20 points
Verbal Communication Skills	20 points
Motivation/Potential	<u>20 points</u>
Total Candidate Score	60 points
5. Scores: Scores from the Application Packet and Interview will be combined to determine the winning candidates.

Application Packet	40 points
Personal Interview	<u>60 points</u>
Total Candidate Score	100 points
6. Each student who attends the interview process will receive a thank you gift for participating. Those who are not selected get a written letter thanking them for their participation and inviting them to reapply for future camps, if eligible.
7. Winners will be notified by the Executive Assistant during the week of March 25, 2019.
8. Any BUECI Employee or BUECI director/officer who is not independent with regard to an applicant will so state to the Executive Assistant and will not participate in any part of the selection process.

*Blind scoring is a process where personally identifiable information (names) are removed from applications in order to overcome unconscious bias. This process is utilized and encouraged by the Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association (ICUA) and NRECA youth rally organizers to ensure applications are scored with independence.