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Pineland to Send Two Extraordinary Students to Washington, DC!

Each summer, the Foundation for Rural Service (or FRS) Youth Tour brings together high school students from across rural America to visit our nation's capital and learn about rural telecommunications. The tour provides a forum for teens to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities, as well as, key legislative, regulatory, and government figures. Since its inception in 1995, the youth tour has hosted thousands of students.

Once again, Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will be sponsoring two students from our service area on this great adventure. High school students with at least a B grade point average are eligible to apply. In addition, each student applicant will be expected to demonstrate leadership in organizations and community through volunteer activities, write an essay on the topic of *Economic Development in Rural America; How Broadband Affects Daily Life in MY Rural America*, and obtain a letter of recommendation from his/her high school counselor. Students must be 16 or 17 years old at the time of the trip, attend school in the Pineland Telephone service area, and his/her parents (or legal guardian) must be a Pineland customer.

The 2018 Youth Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd – Wednesday, June 6th. During the week, students will tour Washington DC and the surrounding area, including; a trip to Mount Vernon, Home of George Washington; visit the Smithsonian Museums; Tour the Monuments; Tour the US Capitol; attend several educational sessions; and foremost – just have fun with their new-found friends. The application deadline for the Youth Tour is Friday, March 30th. For more information on the FRS Youth Tour, please contact Amy Harrelson at (912) 685-2121, (800) 247-1266, or via email at info@pinelandtelco.com. The application form can be found on the Pineland website – www.pineland.net under the About tab.

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