



March 15, 2017

Dear Student;

Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation is participating in a unique program for high school students called the East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar (*ETREYS*). The program is sponsored by nine electric cooperatives in the northeast Texas area and will be held on the campus of East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, Texas during the week of June 26- June 30. Upshur Rural will be taking fifteen students to the seminar. In all, there will be around 125 participants.

ETREYS was developed to promote Cooperative philosophy, ideals and values among young people. It is also a chance to enhance leadership and problem-solving skills in a positive learning environment on a college campus. Several social functions are planned to allow you to meet new people from all over East Texas. During the week, students will have the opportunity to compete for scholarship monies that will be awarded at the banquet on Thursday evening. In addition, students that have attended *ETREYS* from Upshur Rural Electric will have the opportunity to apply to attend NRECA's annual Youth Tour in Washington D.C.

Please read through the attached information and share it with your parents. The only requirement for applying is that your parent/guardian receives their electric service from Upshur Rural Electric. Your completed application, waiver and bio sheet (which is the last 6 pages of this packet) must be returned to us by Friday, April 28th. Personnel from Upshur Rural Electric will select the individuals we sponsor based upon the information received. Those selected to attend will be notified by May 5th.

I sincerely hope you will seriously consider applying for *ETREYS*. If you or your parents have any questions, please call Lynn Gray at 903.680.0267 or Lula Johnson at 903.680.0224. They will be happy to help you in any way they can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Walker".

Rob Walker
General Manager





**East Texas Rural Electric
Youth Seminar**

June 26 - 30, 2017

East Texas Baptist University

Civic and Other Activities _____

What are your goals and aspirations upon completing high school? _____

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

_____ Do you plan to attend a college, university, or technical school after
Yes No high school?

_____ If yes, do you wish to apply for the scholarships to be awarded at the
Yes No end of the seminar?

Name of your electricity provider _____

I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Parent's Signature

T-Shirt (adult size) - circle one:	Small	Medium	Large
	X-Large	2XL	3XL

******* VERY IMPORTANT *******

Complete all sections of this form and all other attached forms and General Waiver.

Please enclose letters of recommendation from two high school teachers.

If possible, a copy of your high school transcript should also be enclosed.

Please attach a recent 3"X4" photo (bust photo preferred) to the front of your application with a paper clip (please do not staple)!

GENERAL WAIVER

2017 East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar ETREYS

TO: Parents and **Students**
FROM: Seminar Director

During the week of the Youth Seminar, we will be traveling from your sponsoring cooperative to Marshall. This trip will be organized and supervised very thoroughly; however, as we all know, incidents do occur. The form below may be very helpful in the event of an emergency. We must have a permission form from each parent/guardian before any student is allowed to travel.

I, _____, give my permission for _____
(Parent/Guardian) (Student)

to attend the East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar (ETREYS) from June 26-30, 2017 (inclusive). I, the parent/guardian, will release our local sponsoring cooperative, chaperones, speakers, and all other ETREYS associates from any liabilities involved in these activities. It is understood that I, the parent/guardian, will stand liable for any damages created by the student. This form will also give ETREYS or its chaperones permission to sign for medical treatment if it becomes necessary for my child. Medical treatment will be administered by the nearest medical facility.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAMES & NUMBERS WHERE YOU / SOMEONE CAN BE REACHED:

1. _____ (_____) _____
2. _____ (_____) _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION – (If you do not have medical insurance, please write “NO INSURANCE”)

(Insurance Company Name) (Telephone Number) (Group / Policy Number)

(Policy Holder's Name) (Policy Holder's Social Security Number)

SPECIAL INFORMATION – Please list any medical history of your child that might be helpful in the event of an emergency.

I have read, understand and am willing to comply with the guidelines set forth in this General Waiver and in the ETREYS Policies. I grant permission for my student's bio sheet to be published in the yearbook.

(Parent / Guardian Signature)

NOTE: Applicants must return all forms, including this General Waiver, to their sponsoring Cooperative in order to be considered for the seminar.

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**Be sure to
enclose a
photo**

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

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

Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____

School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Activities: _____

Hobbies & Interests: _____

E Mail Address: _____