



# Arvig's 2020 Foundation for Rural Service Youth Tour Essay Contest

## Essay Topic: "Technology and Rural Life"

Think about life in rural communities like yours. Consider different aspects of your community including education, government, business, health care, public safety, etc. What role has technology played in the advancement of small towns? What kind of technology do you think has had the greatest impact? How will technology continue to change rural life in the future? Be creative in your supporting ideas. Maybe find an adult who can provide examples of life before cell phones and the Internet.

## Eligibility Requirements

- High school students, age 16 or 17 years old at the time of the Youth Tour. (Students cannot be 18 years old at the time of the Youth Tour)
- Must live within the Arvig service area and their parent or legal guardian must receive Arvig internet, telephone and/or television service(s) at their residence.
- Children of Arvig employees are not eligible to apply.

## Essay Format

- Essays must include a cover letter with the essay title along with the applicant's name, age, address, phone number, email address
- Essays must be typed, double-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font. 1-inch margins on all sides, 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper
- Essays should be 700-900 words
- A bibliography is required and should contain all sources
- Essays should be text only. Do not include pictures, graphic images or diagrams.
- Essays that are off-topic will be declared ineligible

## Application Submission

- Visit [arvig.net/youthtour](http://arvig.net/youthtour) to download the required application forms.
- Students are required to submit their completed application forms and essay to [Josie.Winkels@arvig.com](mailto:Josie.Winkels@arvig.com). Please include your name, address and contact phone number
- Essays mailed or dropped off at Arvig offices/stores will not be considered eligible
- Entries must be submitted by Friday, March 6, 2020, before 11:59 p.m.

## Selection Process

- Essays will be judged on content, supporting ideas and examples, organization and

format, spelling, grammar, and originality.

- One student will be declared the winner of the all-expenses-paid Youth Tour trip to Washington D.C. and will be notified by an Arvig representative via phone call and email the first week of April.
- A runner-up will be selected to serve as an alternate in the event that the winner cannot attend the June 2020 trip. He or she will be notified by an Arvig representative via email the first week of April.
- The winning student will be required to fill out the online registration for the FRS Youth Tour via the NTCA website. Instructions will be provided to the student at the time of selection.
- Upon selection, Arvig will submit an announcement to the student's local newspaper
- The student representative will be asked to write a blog article about his/her Youth Tour experience to be published on the Arvig Blog. Parent permission is required