



CONTINENTAL DIVIDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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2009 GOVERNMENT-IN-ACTION YOUTH TOUR ESSAY CONTEST RULES

Contestants must write a 500-word essay answering the question:

“How can our nation meet growing energy needs while at the same time addressing climate change and keeping electricity affordable for everyone?”

(**NOTE:** Extra consideration will be given to essays that explain how Continental Divide Electric Cooperative can play a role in achieving the above.)

A panel of three (3) judges selected from within the co-op’s service will grade the essays based on the following criteria:

- Essay is clearly written and grammatically correct.
- Student demonstrates an understanding of the growing need for energy.
- Student demonstrates an understanding of climate change.
- Student demonstrates an understanding of rising energy prices.
- Student offers examples to support essay premise.
- Essay is free of misstatements of fact.
- Sources of facts are cited within essay (i.e., “according to...”) or in bibliography format.

Contestants must return essay and completed entry form to CDEC by **Jan. 23, 2009**. Entries can be dropped off in person to our Grants or Gallup offices. They can also be faxed to our Grants office at (505) 287-2234. Or, they can be emailed to cdec@cdec.coop.

Winners will be announced **Feb. 2, 2009**.