



2012 FRS Youth Tour | June 2 - June 6, 2012

Molalla Communications Company (MCC) will once again sponsor two local high school juniors to experience an educational tour of our Nation's capital this coming summer. Expenses paid during the trip will include travel, lodging, food, and spending money. Students will be provided the opportunity to learn about legislative and regulatory processes occurring daily in Washington, D.C., as well as gain a comprehensive overview of the telecommunications industry. The focus of the FRS Youth Tour is the critical role telecommunications plays in rural America and the great impact policy development holds on the industry.

The FRS Youth Tour gathers 100 high school juniors from across rural America to Washington D.C. Students will be offered the opportunity to tour our Nation's capital and its many attractions. While there, students will visit sites such as: Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials; Korean, Vietnam and new World War II Monument; Mount Vernon, home of George Washington; the Smithsonian Museums; and many more.

The Foundation for Rural Service's (FRS) annual youth tour is an example of the foundation's involvement with, and commitment to, rural youth. This year marks the 18th annual Youth Tour. Each year, in collaboration with NTCA member companies, FRS brings rural students from throughout the United States to Washington, D.C. for a four-day tour visiting some of the most historical sites in the nation.

Two students will be selected to represent Molalla Communications. The Youth Tour opportunity will be made available to high school juniors who are MCC Members or immediate family members (829 & 759 prefixes, and/or have an MCC Broadband Connection), legally residing in the Member household on the date of the tour. To apply, students will be asked to submit an application questionnaire and written essay, enclosed in this packet. Please submit completed application materials no later than **4:30 pm Friday, March 16, 2012** to Molalla Communications, attention FRS Youth Tour, or email MCC at marketing@molalla.com. Winners will be selected and contacted in early April. For questions, please call MCC at 503-829-1100 or by email at marketing@molalla.com.

Student Information Form

Student Name: _____

Age: _____ **Birth Date:** _____ **Sex: M or F** _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Email Address:** _____

School: _____

Parental consent required to apply:

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Eligibility: Student applicants must be eleventh grade high school students, age 16 or 17 years old at the time of the youth tour. FRS will not accept any student 18 years of age and over – no exceptions will be made.

FRS Youth Tour Application Questionnaire

Please submit questionnaire and essay responses on additional sheets of paper.
Responses must be typed or hand written in blue or black ink.

1. Tell us about yourself, what is your plan for the future?
2. What has been the most prominent obstacle over which you have prevailed and how did you overcome it? What did you learn?
3. Describe a special attribute or accomplishment that may set you apart from other applicants.
4. Please share the most meaningful activities you engage in outside the classroom and why.
5. Why does the Youth Tour interest you and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

Please Choose One Essay Topic (400 words or less)

Explain what impact the National Broadband Plan may pose on rural communities such as Molalla.

Or

Recent surveys show cell phone usage among children has increased 68 percent in the past five years and typical teens send a text message every 10 minutes during waking hours. Provide your opinion of the opportunities and challenges with adolescent mobile technology use along with tips for parents and kids encouraging safe and responsible use of mobile technology.