

Lamar County Teens to Represent SRE on the 2018 Washington Youth Tour



Lamar County residents Trey Arnold and DonA Traylor-Askew have been chosen to participate in the 2018 Washington Youth Tour (WYT), an all-expenses-paid leadership experience sponsored by electric membership cooperatives in Georgia, including Southern Rivers Energy.

For more than 50 years, the WYT has helped promising student leaders become exceptional young adults.

According to Kathryn Claxton with Southern Rivers Energy, the Youth Tour was established to inspire the next generation of leaders.

This year's tour, which takes place June 7-14, offers opportunities for students to meet policymakers, tour historic monuments and participate in leadership experiences while making new friends from across the state and the nation.

Teens on the tour are challenged to consider the part they play in government and the cooperative movement, to become engaged citizens and to learn about careers in public service.

"These students represent the next generation of accomplished, involved leaders in our communities and state," says Claxton.



Trey Arnold

Lamar County High School, 10th grade

Trey Arnold, a sophomore at Lamar County High School (LCHS), plans to be a lawyer or a public servant, and eventually serve as President of the United States. He is the son of Michael and Gwendolyn Arnold, of Barnesville. Trey earned the President's Award for Educational and Academic Excellence and is Company Commander in the Lamar County Army JROTC. He is active in many school clubs and a member of the Student Government, varsity tennis team, LCHS Drama/Thespians Club and Academic Team.



DonA Traylor-Askew

Lamar County High School, 11th grade

DonA Traylor-Askew, a junior at Lamar County High School, plans to become a sports broadcaster. She is the daughter of Dontauneia Avett Traylor, of Barnesville. She is in the National Honor Society, placed third in the HOSA State Leadership Convention Public Speaking, is the recipient of the Barnesville-Lamar County Rotary RYLA Conference Scholarship and a member of the varsity cheerleading, soccer and swim teams. DonA is on the Dean's List at Gordon State College, where she is dually enrolled.