



# POWERLINES

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## Congratulations, High School Graduates!

**T**ri-State EMC would like to congratulate Keira Cook, Vince Foster, Ryleigh Loudermilk and Elijah Miller, who will all be graduating this month.

Keira is the daughter of Tri-State EMC Truck Operator Jason Cook and his wife, Lisa; Vince is the son of Tri-State EMC Cashier Charlene Foster and her husband, Micah; Ryleigh is the daughter of Tri-State EMC Mechanic Jason Loudermilk and his wife, Kaycie; and Elijah is the son of Tri-State EMC Board Vice President Jesse Miller and his wife, Kim.

Congratulations on your graduation! Tri-State EMC wishes you success, happiness and endless opportunities in the next chapter of your lives.



Keira Cook



Vince Foster



Ryleigh Loudermilk



Elijah Miller

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
Remember & Honor

**Office Closure**  
Tri-State EMC's office will be closed Monday, May 25, 2026, in observance of Memorial Day. This is a day of remembrance for those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Happy **MOTHER'S DAY**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

# Local Students Attend Annual Youth Leadership Summit

**F**orty-six high school juniors from across the Volunteer State attended the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association (TECA) annual Youth Leadership Summit (YLS) March 16-18 in Nashville, Tenn., including Camryn Dockery and Sadie Deal, both students from Copper Basin High School in Copperhill, Tenn., who participated on behalf of Tri-State EMC.

“I had the most amazing time learning about different electric co-ops and how they work for the community, and not for their own profits but truly by serving us,” says Camryn. “It was an incredible experience. Not everyone gets to meet their representatives and see what this is really like. This is a big learning opportunity, and I’m so grateful that I was chosen for this amazing trip.”

Throughout the event, student-delegates participated in leadership development activities and learned more about what an electric co-op is and does for a community. Students visited the YMCA for teambuilding and scavenger hunt exercises.

They also learned about how to effectively meet and greet state representatives. Those skills were later put into action at the Tennessee State Capitol, where students met Gov. Bill Lee and other elected officials, watched a mock session and sat in on House and Senate committee meetings.

“Electric cooperatives are built on serving people, and the Youth Leadership Summit reflects that commitment,” says Laura Beth Laden, a Member Services Specialist with TECA. “By sponsoring students, local co-ops are investing not only in education but in the future of the communities they serve. It’s inspiring to see students walk away with a greater appreciation for what co-ops do and why it matters.”

Delegates also had an opportunity to partake in some Nashville classics before leaving town. This included visiting Goo Goo Cluster, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and Grand Ole Opry.



*From left, Tri-State EMC Human Resources Manager Chris Hulsey, YLS attendees Sadie Deal and Camryn Dockery, and Tri-State EMC Senior Billing Clerk Mitzi Stewart.*



*From left, YLS attendees Camryn Dockery and Sadie Deak take a photo with Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee.*