

The Impact of the WCEC Government-in-Action Youth Tour

I believe the opportunity to attend the WCEC Youth Tour will have a positive impact on my life and my future. My name is Emma Cobb, and I am a sophomore. I attend Enlighthium Academy as an online student. Through my participation in various community organizations and activities, I strive to take leadership positions to gain knowledge, skills, and leadership qualities.

Many of these organizations operate under parliamentary procedures. It is important to me to have the opportunity to witness how our government takes action. If I were selected as a delegate, this would be an instrumental opportunity for my future by allowing me access to witness Government Proceedings first hand. This tour would be valuable to me because it would widen my knowledge on how our government works.

In addition, participating in the WCEC Youth Tour would provide opportunities for me to network and represent Wharton County as a youth leader. For example I could build friendships and make connections with other future teen leaders from all around Texas. I would have the chance to share and to learn from these individuals from diverse backgrounds.

Another amazing impact this tour will provide is opportunities to learn from expert governmental leaders. This experience would broaden my knowledge of the importance of being a leader. A quote that I often contemplate about leadership is by former president Ronald Reagan. He stated, "The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." With this opportunity, I will become more knowledgeable on how to encourage other people to take on leadership roles. By participating in this experience, I hope to

gain a wealth of hands-on leadership training and witness first hand how our government leaders place constituents at the center of every decision.

Throughout my involvement in school, community organizations, and extracurricular activities, I have taken on leadership roles, led community projects, and served in officer positions. For example, I am the current president of my 4-H club, and I serve on our local County Council, as well as Junior Fair Board. In addition, I serve as secretary on Student Council. I am most proud of helping found a local nonprofit called Adopt-A-Grandparent EC that serves the elderly in our community. I am also a Youth Ambassador for this organization. In this position and in my other leadership roles, I have gained communication and public speaking skills by sharing the mission of Adopt - A-Grandparent EC at various community events. I believe that this tour will help me become a better leader by improving my communication skills, career development skills, and leadership skills in my current positions and in the future.

The opportunity to attend the WCEC Youth Tour would provide me opportunities to broaden my horizons. The skills that I could learn would help me now and as I grow and attend college to fulfill my dream of becoming an OB/GYN. I would love to have the opportunity for this once in a lifetime experience.