

**South Central Electric Association  
Youth Tour Essay Contest  
Washington D.C. June 13-18, 2023**

**Contest Rules**

Each contestant must be a high school sophomore or junior.

To enter the contest the student must live within the South Central Electric service area or attend one of the following schools: Butterfield/Odin, Comfrey, Madelia, Martin County West, Mt. Lake, Red Rock Central, St. James, Truman, Windom and Westbrook.

Each contestant must submit an application, an essay on the following topic and interview:

***How do you and your family benefit from electricity?***

Each contestant must complete a personal interview. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2023, between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at our St. James office at 71176 Tiell Dr., St. James. Interviews will be held in order of arrival.

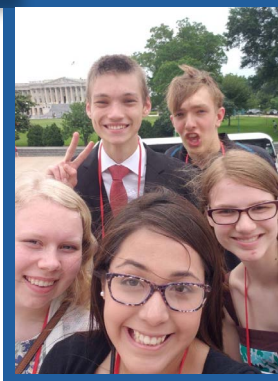
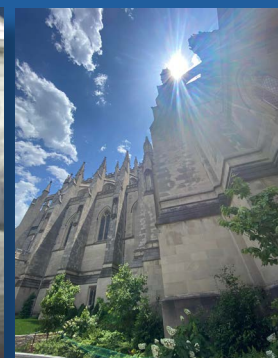
**Prizes**

- 1st Place - All-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 13-18, 2023. No substitute if unable to make the trip.
- 2nd Place - \$150 cash award and will serve as first alternate.
- 3rd Place - \$100 cash award and will serve as second alternate.



**This Summer... Go on a Power Trip!**

**2023 RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
YOUTH TOUR  
June 13-18**



Arlington Cemetery **Friendships** Youth Day General Session  
**Connections** U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum John F. Kennedy Center  
 U.S. Capitol **Potomac River** Smithsonian Institution **911 Memorial**  
 Lincoln Memorial WWII Memorial Newseum **Life Long Memories** Mount Vernon  
 Martin Luther King Memorial Korean War Veteran's Memorial Smithsonian Castle  
 Vietnam Women's Memorial **Iwo Jima Memorial** National Archives Freer Gallery of Art  
 National Museum of Natural History DC War Memorial National WWII Memorial  
**Jefferson Memorial** Air Force Memorial Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Hirshorn Museum  
 National Museum of Air and Space Museum of the American Indian **National Museum of the Marine Corp**  
**Washington Monument** **National Museum of American History**  
**Learn about Rural Electric Cooperatives** National Museum of African American History and Culture

**Be There.**

**Be Heard.**

**Be Inspired.**

## We're going on a Power Trip. Join Us.

Spend six days in our nation's capital visiting famous museums and historical sites and chatting with politicians. The best part? **Your rural electric cooperative will pay all of the expenses!**

Every year, 40 bright, enthusiastic and passionate high school juniors and seniors are chosen to represent Minnesota on the Rural Electric Youth Tour. But we're not the only ones there. Youth Tour is a national sensation!

Over 1,900 student delegates from all over the country rock D.C. on this tour! They visit with their congressional representatives, tour some of the most famous museums in the world and make memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

Make 2023 the year you experience the monuments that are dedicated to our country's leaders. Let your voice be heard and get your questions answered.

**To apply, contact your rural electric cooperative or high school counselor.**

This tour is coordinated by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) and is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 through Sunday, June 18.

In the meantime, check out these pictures from previous tours <https://goo.gl/qctXhn> and learn more about youth tour on the Minnesota Rural Electric Association website <https://www.mrea.org/programs-1/>.



*The Youth Tour was a real eye opener. It made politics seem not so distant, something that I could actually become a part of and affect directly. When you're in D.C., you realize you are the next generation to step into the government positions that run our country.*

- Carter Duncan, Youth Tour participant & National Youth Leadership Council

# South Central Electric Association Youth Tour Essay Contest 2023 Application

**Washington D. C. trip is June 13 – June 18, 2023**

The essay and application form is to be returned to South Central Electric by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023. The application form and essay can be mailed to South Central Electric, P.O. Box 150, St. James, MN. 56081, or sent by e-mail to [jhaler@southcentralelectric.com](mailto:jhaler@southcentralelectric.com) or hand delivered to the St. James office at 71176 Tiell Dr., St. James, MN.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School You Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School: (Please Circle)      Sophomore      Junior

## Essay Question

**How do you and your family benefit from electricity?**

## Reminder

Each contestant must complete a personal interview. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023, between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at our St. James office at 71176 Tiell Dr., St. James. Interviews will be held in order of arrival.