



**South Central Electric Association
Washington D.C. Youth Tour Essay Contest
June 15 - 20, 2026**

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 or Westbrook. Each contestant must submit an application, along with an essay and an interview. Each contestant must complete a personal interview. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 between 3:30pm and 5:00pm at our St. James office at 71176 Tiell Dr., St. James.

Prizes

1. First place - All expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 15-20, 2026. *No substitute if unable to make the trip.*
2. Second Place - \$150 cash award and will serve as first alternate.
3. Third Place - \$100 cash award and will server as second alternate.



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Youth Tour Essay Contest

2026 Application

Washington D. C. trip is June 15 – June 20, 2026

The essay and application form is to be returned to South Central Electric by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026. 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 lsandbo@southcentralelectric.com or dropped off at our St. James office located 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:

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