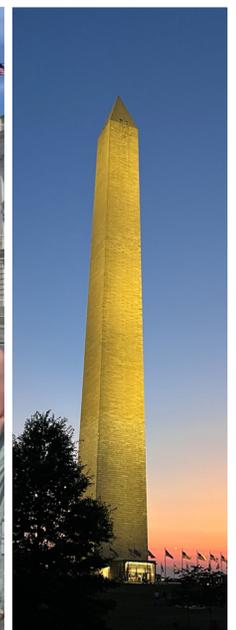
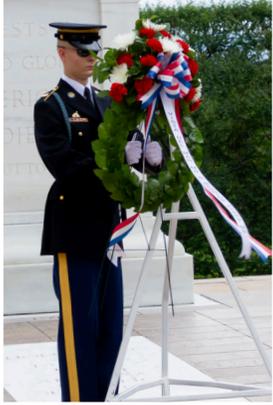


This Summer... Go on a Power Trip!

RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR WASHINGTON, D.C.



June 16-21, 2025

South Central Electric Association Washington D.C. Youth Tour Essay Contest June 16-21, 2025

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 February 26, 2025 between 4:00pm and 6:00pm at our St. James office at 71176 Tiell Dr., St. James.

Prizes

1. First place - All expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 16-21, 2025. 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.





Arlington Cemetery **Friendships** Youth Day General Session The Wharf
Connections U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum John F. Kennedy Center
 U.S. Capitol **Potomac River** Smithsonian Institution **911 Memorial**
 Lincoln Memorial WWII Memorial **Life Long Memories** Mount Vernon **National Harbor**
 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 **Segway Tour of National Mall Monuments**
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 2025 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 Monday, June 16 through Saturday, June 21.



In the meantime, check out these pictures from previous tours <https://photos.youthtour.org/2024-Youth-Tour/Minnesota-YT2024/> and learn more about youth tour on here: <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
2025 Application**

Washington D. C. trip is June 16 – June 21, 2025

The essay and application form is to be returned to South Central Electric by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2025. 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 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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