



Selection procedures for 2024 Youth Tour Contest

Sponsored by Federated Rural Electric,
Jackson, MN

Contest Purpose:

Select one youth to represent Federated Rural Electric at 2023 Youth Tour, sponsored by rural electric cooperatives and held June 18-23, 2024 in Washington, D.C.

Awards:

1. First Place: Washington Youth Tour
2. Second Place: First alternate and \$150
3. Third Place: Second alternate and \$100
4. First 15 applicants receive a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.com

Eligibility:

The contest is open to any current high school freshman, sophomore, juniors or seniors attending school in Federated's service area. Visit the website: www.mrea.org. Click on "Programs" then click on "Youth Tour" for photos and comments. Otherwise, visit <http://youthtour.coop> for photos, videos and a Youth Tour blog.

Contest:

1. Contestant writes a 300-word essay (include your opinion) on an energy-related topic.
2. Complete the attached application.
3. Submit completed essay and application form by **February 2, 2024** to:
Federated Rural Electric
ATTN: Andrea Christoffer
77100 US Highway 71
P.O. Box 69
Jackson MN 56143-0069 OR email to christoffer@federatedrea.coop
4. A judging committee will select five finalists from the essays submitted.
5. Five finalists will be interviewed (15 minutes per finalist) **March 12, 2024**, starting at 4 p.m.
6. For further information on the Youth Tour Contest please contact: Andrea Christoffer at Federated Rural Electric. Work Phone: 847-3520 or 1-800-321-3520, extension 2224. E-mail: christoffer@federatedrea.coop.
7. Previous Youth Tour winners are not eligible to enter again.
8. What will you do in Washington, D.C.? Look at the next page for highlights of your Washington, D.C. trip. (OVER)

2024 Youth Tour — 58th Year

Some of the highlights of the trip:

- **1,900 representatives** from electric cooperatives all across the nation will be in D.C., including about 40 youth from Minnesota electric cooperatives. Meet with your Members of Congress and make new lifelong friends
- **Tour the monuments:** Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Air Force Memorial and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.
- **Tour historic sites:** Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, National Cathedral, Newseum and 9/11 Memorial.
- **Attend special events:** Visit your Congressional leaders, theater performance and Nationals Baseball game.
- **Go places:** Apply to be the Minnesota representative on the Youth Leadership Council. If selected, you will travel back to D.C. in July 2025 for a youth leadership conference and also attend the National Rural Electric Convention in Atlanta, Georgia from March 7-12, 2025.

Places and events are subject to change depending on scheduling.