



### What is YT2k21?

In the past, the Youth Tour is an annual week-long all-expense-paid event that brings together approximately 100 high school juniors from Missouri and more than 1,600 juniors from all over the country to explore our nation’s capital and learn more about government, cooperatives, leadership and the sites of D.C.! Unfortunately in 2020 the trip was canceled due to COVID-19.

In 2021, the trip is taking a different turn. Delegates from each sponsoring cooperative will participate in the Youth Tour Experience, spending two days at their local electric cooperative and one at the district transmission cooperative. The delegates from across the state will still join together and conference in with the rest of the Missouri delegates from the comfort of their local co-op. While this event will not look exactly like the traditional Youth Tour, the Youth Tour Experience, or “YT2k21”, will still include much of the learning, networking and fun that the normal Tour provides to students.

### Who is eligible for the contest?

Any high school junior attending school, or being home-schooled, in the Tri-County Electric Cooperative service area. Participant must be a child or grandchild of a member.

### How do I enter the contest?

Submit an essay - 1 to 2 page in length using MLA format. Be sure to attach the required Application Form (found at [tricityelectric.com/content/youth-tour-cycle](http://tricityelectric.com/content/youth-tour-cycle)).

### How are finalists selected?

A judging committee scores each essay based on knowledge of the subject, originality, composition, neatness, grammar and ability to effectively communicate subject matter. The top two essays will be the winners of the scholarships and YT2k21 Experience.

### How many students get to attend?

The two students with the highest overall essay scores will be awarded the YT2k21 Experience and scholarship.

### What do I write the essay about?

Any essay that has been approved by your English teacher is eligible.

### Where do I find information about cooperatives?

[www.tricityelectric.com/content/youth-tour-cycle](http://www.tricityelectric.com/content/youth-tour-cycle)

### When is the essay deadline?

All essays must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021.

### Where do I send the essay?

Tri-County Electric Cooperative  
Attn: Youth Tour  
P.O. Box 159,  
Lancaster, MO 63548  
E-mail: [afarris@tricityelectric.org](mailto:afarris@tricityelectric.org)

\*Winners must attend the three day event to receive the \$1,000 scholarship.

## Scholarship Opportunity

- Winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

## Event Agenda

### Day 1 - Wed. June 16

Tri-County Electric Co-op

- A.M. - Virtual Sessions
- Trivia Challenges
- Career Exploration

Lunch

P.M. - Explore TCEC

### Day 2 - Thurs. June 17

Northeast Power, Palmyra

- A.M. - Introductions
- Electricity 101
- Virtual Sessions

Lunch

- P.M. - Safety Demos
- Speakers

### Day 3 - Fri. June 18

Tri-County Electric Co-op

- A.M. - Virtual Sessions
- Team Challenges

Lunch

- P.M. - Farewells

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