

# YT FAQS

## What is the Youth Tour?

The most frequent explanation we hear from past winners is, "The trip of a lifetime!" 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.!

## Who is eligible for the contest?

Any high school junior attending a school, or being home-schooled, in the Tri-County Electric Cooperative service area. Children or grandchildren of employees or directors are NOT eligible.

## 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 [www.tricountyelectric.org/content/youth-tour-cycle](http://www.tricountyelectric.org/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 thoughts. The top essay will be the winner of the Youth Tour Experience.

## How many students get to go to Washington, D.C.?

The two students with the highest overall scores will be awarded the all-expense-paid trip to our nation's capital. The next two finalists are awarded a trip to the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) and will be alternates for the trip to D.C.

## 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.tricountyelectric.org/content/youth-tour-cycle](http://www.tricountyelectric.org/content/youth-tour-cycle)

## When is the essay deadline?

All essays must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2022.

## Is it really free?

Yes! We're offering you a free trip to Washington D. C. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! TCEC, the Association of Missouri Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Association will pay ALL of the expenses.

## Where do I send the essay?

**Tri-County Electric Cooperative**  
Attn: Youth Tour / CYCLE  
P.O. Box 159, Lancaster, MO 63548  
E-mail: [tricountyelectricmo@gmail.com](mailto:tricountyelectricmo@gmail.com)

## Scholarship Opportunity

The two finalists with the highest overall scores will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to Hannibal LaGrange University (donated by Hannibal LaGrange).

## Highlights

Arlington Cemetery  
Smithsonian Museums  
World War II Memorial  
Washington Monument  
FDR Memorial  
Iwo Jima Memorial  
Vietnam Wall  
Korean Memorial  
Potomac River Boat Cruise  
Jefferson Memorial  
Mt. Vernon Tour  
Newseum  
White House  
Major League Baseball Game  
Kennedy Center  
Lincoln Memorial

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