

WIN AN ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC!



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RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR WASHINGTON D.C. JUNE 16-21, 2025

2025 APPLICATION

Student Full Legal Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Student Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Student Address: _____

CLP Account Number: _____

Student Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s): _____

Student Email: _____

High School: _____

Parent/Guardian Email(s): _____

Grade: _____

APPLICATIONS DUE BY FEBRUARY 14, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: THIS TOUR IS AVAILABLE ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHOSE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS ARE CLP MEMBERS (RECEIVE ELECTRICITY FROM CLP). A STUDENT AND AN ALTERNATE WILL BE SELECTED.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS COMPLETELY AND NEATLY AS POSSIBLE. YOU MAY ADD MORE SHEETS IF NECESSARY, OR YOU MAY RETYPE THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

- 1. In one or two sentences, what can you tell us about CLP?**
- 2. How did you hear about the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour?**
- 3. List activities and organizations in which you have participated in. If you held an officer position in the organization please list that as well.**
- 4. What honors or awards have you received?**
- 5. List your hobbies, talents, and special interests?**
- 6. What are your future plans?**
- 7. Please list your recent volunteer activities.**
- 8. Please write a paragraph explaining why you are a good candidate to represent CLP on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.**

WHO COMES ON THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR?

Nearly 2,000 students from 44 states participate in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program. For more than 40 years, the Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C., to learn how their government works and the importance of civic engagement. CLP is sponsoring one student this year!

WHAT DOES IT COST?

CLP is sponsoring a local student. Yes, the trip is free for the student! However, they may want to bring some spending money for souvenirs.

Be There. Be Heard. Be Inspired.



RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR



Minnesota Rural Electric Association

SAMPLE ITINERARY

MONDAY

Meet at Crowne Plaza hotel in Bloomington
Welcome/orientation meeting with parents (9:30am)
Take light rail to airport, group check-in & security (10:30am)
Flight departs Minneapolis/St. Paul (2:30pm)
Arrive at Reagan National Airport in D.C. (6pm)
Stop at grocery store for snack/breakfast supplies (6:45pm)
Check into Gaylord National Harbor Resort (7:15pm)
Dinner in National Harbor (8pm)
Youth Leadership Council speeches (9:30pm)
Lights out (11pm)

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast at hotel (7am)
Board bus to Capitol Hill (7:30am)
Capitol visits with Senators and Representatives
Lunch at the Capitol cafeteria
Visit the Galleries and Library of Congress
Dinner
Monuments night tour
Lights out (11pm)

FRIDAY

Breakfast at hotel
National Archives, Smithsonian Museums
Dinner in Old Town Alexandria
Water Taxi on Potomac River
Ride the Capital (ferris) Wheel in National Harbor
NRECA event at hotel
Pack luggage and room check before bed
Lights out (11pm)

TUESDAY

Breakfast around 7:15am
Class: Co-ops 101 & Youth Advocacy
Walking tour of monuments. Tour includes: Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial, Vietnam Women's & Veterans' Memorial, DC War Memorial, Korean War Veteran's Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial
Lunch
Arlington Cemetery trolley tour
U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial
John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center tour
Dinner at The Wharf
NRECA "Youth Night" at hotel
Lights out (11pm)

THURSDAY

Breakfast at hotel
U.S. Marine Corp Museum
Lunch in Georgetown
National Cathedral tour
Holocaust Museum
Photos in front of the White House
Dinner
Segway tour on National Mall
Lights out (11pm)

SATURDAY

Breakfast at hotel
Check out, load luggage, and board bus
Arrive at Reagan National Airport for check-in & security (9am)
Flight departs Reagan National Airport (noon)
Arrive at Minneapolis/St. Paul. (1:45pm)
Pick up luggage, light rail back to Crowne Plaza (2:15pm)
Parent pick up in parking lot of Crowne Plaza (2:30pm)

YOUTH TOUR REQUIREMENTS:

1. This opportunity is only available for students whose parent/legal guardians receive electricity from Cooperative Light & Power (CLP). The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is a benefit of co-op membership.
2. Student must be a high school sophomore or junior during the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Student must be available to participate in the dates and full schedule of the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. which is June 16-21, 2025.
4. Student must be able to ride in a vehicle or bus for up to 12 hours (with breaks) in a single day.
5. Student must be able to fly in an airplane and provide a valid Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota state-issued ID card.
6. Student must agree to be photographed while on the Youth Tour, and must grant permission for cooperative use in publications, social media, websites, media, etc.
7. Student may be invited to attend a CLP Board Meeting and/or CLP Annual Meeting to recap their Youth Tour experience and gained knowledge of electric cooperatives.

I understand that if I am selected: If an unforeseen situation should occur, and I am not able to fulfill my obligation to attend, I must notify CLP prior to March 31, 2025 so that an alternate may be considered.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent: I am aware of my high school sophomore or junior applying for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour with CLP. I give them permission to enter this contest and to abide by each of the requirements. I also understand that if he/she wins, I will be responsible to bring them to Bloomington, MN for the tour and will pick them up upon return from the tour.

Students must report to the Crowne Plaza Airport, 3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, Minnesota for an orientation meeting on June 16th at 9:30 a.m. An early afternoon flight from the MSP airport will follow.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO: CAREYH@CLPOWER.COM

OR

**MAIL TO: COOPERATIVE LIGHT & POWER
YOUTH TOUR
PO BOX 69
TWO HARBORS, MN 55616**

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025