MAKE YOUR MARK!

Rural Electric Washington D.C. Youth Tour

June 17th-22th, 2027

Every generation leaves behind a legacy, footprints that shape the future. The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is your chance to do the same. It's more than a trip to Washington, D.C., it's an opportunity to step into history, discover your voice, and begin writing the story only you can tell.

The best part? It's FREE! All transportation, meals, and program costs are covered by Cooperative Light & Power (CLP). The program is coordinated and facilitated by the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

Delegates selected from Minnesota will join more than 2,000 students from across the country in Washington, D.C., from June 17th to 22th. They'll explore historic monuments and world-class museums, meet with elected officials and, most importantly, develop leadership skills, build their resumes, and form lasting connections with other young leaders from across America.

Application Guidelines

This contest is open to any current high school sophomore or junior whose parents or guardians are members of CLP (receive electricity from CLP). The 2027 Tour will take place from June 17th to June 22th. Interested students must submit a completed application by **Wednesday, February 17th, 2027,** to be considered for selection. The CLP Board of Directors will review all applications to choose a winner and an alternate.
See Page 4 for further guidlines and rules.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Riggle, at (218) 834-2226 or email ariggle@clpower.com.

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2027 Application

Student Full Legal Name:_____

Student Date of Birth:_____

Student Address:_____

Student Cell Number:_____

Student Email: _____

High School: _____

Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

CLP Account Number: _____

Hear From Our Alumni

Erik Gischia, a student at Two Harbors High School, had the honor of representing Cooperative Light & Power as part of the Minnesota student delegation to Washington, D.C., for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's 2026 Youth Tour.

"My past week in our nation's capital was a trip of a lifetime. The city was filled not only with the iconic American landmarks and monuments, but also with hundreds of other students from around the country who were all very friendly. I am very grateful to have had this experience to tour the area, meet with congresspeople, and even meet Abe Lincoln."

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 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour?

3. List activities and organizations in which you have or currently 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 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

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 2026-2027 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 17th-25th, 2027.

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, 2027 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, Minnesota for the tour and will pick them up upon return from the tour.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email completed applications to: ariggle@clpower.com or

Mail to: Cooperative Light & Power:
Youth Tour Application
PO Box 69 Two Harbors, MN 55616

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on February 17th, 2027