



Students will create lasting memories while visiting the Civil War Battlefield at Gettysburg, the National Cathedral, Smithsonian Museums, George Washington's home, Supreme Court, Kennedy Center, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Holocaust Museum, among many other sites.

This well-chaperoned, educational program is sponsored by electric cooperatives throughout the nation and focuses on leadership and character-building skills.

We will sponsor two students from each county in our service area (Jefferson, Marion, and Washington) on an all-expense-paid bus trip to Springfield on March 29, 2022. During the day, you and students from other Illinois high schools will meet your elected senators and representatives at the Capitol and learn first-hand about the workings of state government.

TCEC will also sponsor three of these students on a weeklong, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. on June 17-24, 2022. During the week in the nation's capital, the Illinois student contingent will hopefully meet with Senators Terri Bryant and Jason Plummer. The U.S. Representatives will meet with students for a luncheon while on Capitol Hill.

Who Should Apply? High School Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors that reside in a home served by Tri-County and must be attending one of the high schools in Marion, Jefferson, or Washington County. (Home School students may participate as well!). This program is intended for student-leaders with opportunities for leadership building.

**COVID Disclaimer: The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) requires all Youth to Washington trip winners to have a negative COVID test before boarding the bus to Washington D.C., and follow any and all CDC guidelines at that time.*

For more information, contact:

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TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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YOUTH DAY: MARCH 29, 2022
YOUTH TOUR: JUNE 17-24, 2022
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20, 2022

YOUTH DAY & YOUTH TO WASHINGTON, D.C. CONTEST

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Cell Number: _____ Parent Cell Number: _____

Can we text you? Y N Can we text parents? Y N

Parent Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

High School: _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

How did you hear about the program? _____

Using additional paper, please provide the following information:

1. **Personal Achievement (Include both School & Non-School Activities)**
2. **What are your plans after high school?**
3. **If you could change anything about your state, what would it be and why?**
4. **What is the difference between an investor-owned utility and an electric cooperative? Explain the benefit(s) of being a cooperative member.**
5. **If you win the Youth to Washington program, you may be asked to help promote the program to fellow classmates next year. Describe one way you would promote the program. Be creative!**
6. **Why are you applying for the Youth Tour Program?**

By completing and submitting this application, I verify my eligibility to attend Youth Day, March 29, in Springfield. If chosen as a Youth Day participant, I commit to the trip to Springfield. I also understand that if I should be selected as one of the winners of this contest, I would take the all-expense-paid tour to Washington, D.C., June 17-24, 2022.

Student's Signature _____

I hereby give my consent for _____ to participate in the "Youth to Washington" contest and to take the all-expense-paid tour to Washington, D.C. if selected as a winner.

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

Application deadline: February 20th, 2022 - Mail to: Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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