



# YOUTH TOUR TRIP 2025 APPLICATION

## June 15-20, 2026

**Deadline: March 6th, 2026**

**Return completed application & essay to:**

Redwood Electric Cooperative 60 Pine St. Clements, MN 56224

OR

Email [sgroebner@redwoodelectric.com](mailto:sgroebner@redwoodelectric.com)

Each year, rural electric cooperatives across the nation sponsor roughly 1,800 students on the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The Youth Tour program continues to foster the grassroots spirit of the rural electric cooperatives by demonstrating to high school students how our government works and what the electric cooperative business model is all about. In a time when energy is at the forefront of our nation's issues, this is a great opportunity to have a hand in the creation of electric cooperative advocates!

Spend six days in our nation's capital visiting famous museums and historical sites and chatting with politicians. The best part? Redwood Electric Cooperative will pay all of the expenses! This is a trip of a lifetime with memories and experiences you will never forget!

### Requirement Checklist:

- submit a completed application
- submit a one page essay on the topic below
- application & essay must be in our office or postmarked by 3:30pm on March 6th, 2026
- applicants must be a sophomore (16 years old) or junior in high school
- applicants parents or legal guardian must be members of Redwood Electric Cooperative

### Essay Question:

Over 80 years ago, America's farmers and rural citizens joined together to bring electricity to their communities-communities which the for-profit companies refused to serve. As a result, they improved the quality of life for rural Americans by satisfying an unmet need. Today, co-ops of all kinds bring that same spirit of purpose and cooperation to the changing needs of new generations.

**“Which of the seven cooperative principles do you think is most important, and why?”**

### Winners:

- 1st: All expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 15-20, 2026 (no substitute prize if unable to attend)
- 2nd: \$200.00 cash award and will serve as first alternate
- 3rd: \$100.00 cash award and will serve as second alternate

### Student & Parent/Member Information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School You Attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address (NOT YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Provide Account Number on Your Parents Electric Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_