



**Selection procedures for
2018 Youth Tour Contest**
Sponsored by Federated Rural Electric,
Jackson, MN

Contest Purpose:

Select one youth to represent Federated Rural Electric at 2018 Youth Tour, sponsored by rural electric cooperatives and held June 9-14 in Washington, D.C.

- Awards:**
1. First Place: Washington Youth Tour
 2. Second Place: First alternate and \$150
 3. Third Place: Second alternate and \$100
 4. First 15 applicants receive a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.com

Eligibility:

The contest is open to any current high school freshman, sophomore, juniors or seniors attending school in Federated's service area. Visit the website: www.mrea.org. Click on "Youth & School Programs;" then click on "Washington Youth Tour" for photos and comments. Otherwise, visit <http://youthtour.coop> for photos, videos and a Youth Tour blog.

Contest:

1. Contestant writes a 300-word essay (include your opinion) on an energy-related topic.
2. Complete the attached application.
3. Submit completed essay and application form by **February 12, 2018** to:
Federated Rural Electric
ATTN: Andrea Christoffer
77100 US Highway 71
P.O. Box 69
Jackson MN 56143-0069
4. A judging committee will select five finalists from the essays submitted.
5. Five finalists will be interviewed (15 minutes per finalist) **March 19**, starting at 4 p.m.
6. For further information on the Youth Tour Contest please contact: Andrea Christoffer at Federated Rural Electric. Work Phone: 847-3520, 728-8366 or 1-800-321-3520. E-mail: christoffer@federatedrea.coop.
7. Previous D.C. trip winners are not eligible to enter again.
8. What will you do in Washington, D.C.? Look at the next page for highlights of your Washington, D.C. trip.

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2018 Youth Tour — 54th Year

Some of the highlights of the trip:

- **1,600 representatives** from electric cooperatives all across the nation will be in D.C., including about 40 youth from Minnesota electric cooperatives. Meet with your Members of Congress and make new lifelong friends
- **Tour the monuments:** Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean Veterans Memorial, World War II Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Air Force Memorial and Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial.
- **Tour historic sites:** Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, Mount Vernon, Newseum and 9/11 Memorial.
- **Attend special events:** Congressional Insight, theater performance, river cruise and all-state dance.
- **Go places:** Interview to be the Minnesota representative on the Youth Leadership Council. If selected, you will travel back to D.C. next year as an assistant on next year's Youth Tour and travel to the National Rural Electric Convention in Orlando, FL, March 7-14, 2019.

Places and events are subject to change depending on scheduling.