

2026 YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

SEE **THE SIGHTS**



MAKE NEW
FRIENDS



MEET
OUR DELEGATION



YOUTH TOUR

A once-in-a-lifetime trip to
Washington, D.C. for FREE

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A **FREE** TRIP, YOU SAY?

WIN a free trip to Washington, D.C., just by writing a few words. A short essay could be your ticket to a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the nation's capital!

High school sophomores and juniors whose parents are electric co-op members are eligible for this trip. In 2025, 29 students from across the state took part in the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. In 2026, we are hoping to send even more students at **NO COST TO THEM.**

So, how do you earn this amazing opportunity? Contact your electric cooperative for their specific requirements, but for most co-ops, a simple application and a short essay is all that is required. From there, each participating co-op will choose at least one winner, and a statewide winner will be chosen as well.

The essay topic is: *All cooperatives share a concern for their communities. Write about how your local cooperative supports your community and detail new ways they could get involved.*

Those students who are selected by their co-ops will travel to D.C. in June for a week of activities. Every Youth Tour includes meetings with Montana's U.S. senators and representatives, as well as all of the famous monuments and memorials, and the Smithsonian Museums. Additionally, past Youth Tours have included a Washington Nationals baseball game, the International Spy Museum, the Gettysburg Battlefield, the Naval Academy, the Marine Corps Museum, and countless other stops and attractions.

There is also a river-boat cruise and dance with students from other states. One thing we can guarantee from past experience is you will have fun, and you will make friendships with students from across the state and country that will last a lifetime.

Call your local electric cooperative today, and start working on that essay! Visit www.mtco-ops.com/our-services/youthtour/ for more information.

HAVE **FUN!**



WHAT IS YOUTH TOUR?

Youth Tour sends thousands of high school students from across the nation to join in Washington, D.C., to gain an understanding of electric cooperatives, our nation's history and the freedoms we enjoy, and to **HAVE FUN.**

WHERE?

Washington, D.C.

WHEN?

June 13-20, 2026

WHO?

Any current sophomore or junior whose parent or guardian is served by a rural electric cooperative in Montana.

WHY?

If selected, you get to go on a **FREE** trip to Washington, D.C., with other students from all across Montana. Youth Tour is an opportunity to meet new people, visit museums and monuments, and get to ask questions of the state's congressional delegation, all while having a blast!

HOW?

Applications and deadline information (**deadlines generally fall in November**) can be found at your local electric co-op. Check out their website or give them a call for more information! For those co-ops using an essay question, the topic is: *All cooperatives share a concern for their communities. Write about how your local cooperative supports your community and detail new ways they could get involved.*

