

YOUTH TOUR



ELIGIBILITY AND DETAILS

The Ohio Youth Tour is an unforgettable, annual week-long all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. that gives exceptional sophomores and juniors the opportunity to meet their congressional leaders at the U.S. Capitol, make new friends from across the state and country, and see many of the famous Washington sights. Students from the state of Ohio will join over 1,800 delegates from 43 other states for a “trip of a lifetime”.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to compete for the Washington Youth Tour, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants:

1. Applicants must be the child or legal ward of a North Western Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s (NWECC) permanent residential member-owner receiving service for the duration of the 2023-2024 academic year (August 2023-June 2024). Children/wards of commercial member-owners are not eligible unless they are also permanent residential member-owners of NWECC.
2. Applicants must be a high school sophomore or junior during the 2023-2024 academic year (August 2023 - June 2024).
3. Previous contest winners are not eligible to participate in this competition.
4. Members of the immediate families and persons residing in the households of trustees or employees of NWECC are not eligible to participate in the competition.
5. Applications must be submitted (typed or printed neatly to be accepted) on forms furnished by NWECC and submitted to the NWECC office **by 4:00 pm on February 9, 2024**.
6. **Applicants must be available to travel June 15 - 21, 2024.**
7. Application information must be confined to the items listed in the checklist on page 2 of this document.
8. All eligible applicants may be asked to participate in a personal interview. You will be notified of the interview date and time, if applicable.
9. All rules stated within this document conform to the policies and program guidelines as set forth by NWECC.
10. These rules (dated heron) supersede all previous rules for this competition.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

If selected as a Youth Tour delegate, you will visit:

Flight 93 National Memorial
Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
World War II Memorial
United States Capital
The Supreme Court

Smithsonian Institution
Marine Corps Memorial
Abraham Lincoln Memorial
Vietnam and Korean War Memorials
...and many more historic sites!

You will also visit Brilliant, Ohio where you will have the opportunity to take an exclusive tour of the Cardinal Power Plant. Learn how the electricity that you use here in northwest Ohio is generated and transmitted across the state.

To be considered for the 2024 Youth Tour competition, all the following MUST BE submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024:

- _____ Application form (two pages)
- _____ An official, signed grade transcript
- _____ One letter of recommendation - It may be typed or handwritten and must be no longer than 800 words.
The person writing the letter may be a teacher, a community leader or a family friend.
The adult you choose should be personally acquainted with your personality, your school and/or community activities, your personal and/or academic achievements.
- _____ A recent photo of the applicant - A photocopy of a photo is acceptable.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS TO:

**NWEC - Attn Pearl Rakes
04125 State Route 576
P O Box 391
Bryan, OH 43506**



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ENTRY FORM PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Personal Email: _____

Age: _____ Current Grade: _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Applicant must be at least 16 years old by June 15, 2024

Name of high school: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

Name: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Cooperative member's name on the electric account: _____

Electric account #: _____ (6 digit number found on billing statement)

Name of Youth Tour alumni who referred you (If applicable): _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - MUST be original, handwritten signatures

I hereby acknowledge that I am applying for a chance to win an all-expense paid, week-long trip to Washington, D.C. sponsored by National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, and North Western Electric Cooperative (NWECC). I agree to permit the review of this application by members of the NWECC Selection Committee.

Date

Applicant's Signature

As the parent/guardian of the student completing this application, I hereby consent and agree that if the student is selected as a winner, NWECC, its employees, and agents have the right to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of the applicant to use in any and all media, with or without their name and for any lawful purpose.

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature



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1. Tell us one thing you learned about U.S. history that you feel was very important and why.
2. What do you think is the most important characteristic of a leader and why?
3. Why is reliable electricity critical for the future of rural America?
4. Describe one reason why electric cooperatives are different than investor-owned utility companies.
5. Imagine a power outage in your neighborhood lasting for several days. Briefly describe how your daily activities would change. What lifestyle changes would you and your family have to make during this time?

You may use a separate sheet of paper, if needed, to submit your answers for any of the above questions. Please limit each response to less than 100 words. Your answers will be judged on content, composition, neatness and grammar. To learn more about electric cooperatives, watch the short video available at: <https://www.ohioec.org/orientation>.



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