



ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR – Washington, D.C. Application -2025

Sponsored by Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Name: _____ Current Grade Level: 11th _____ 12th _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

FMEC Account #: _____ DOB: _____

How did you hear about the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour opportunity?

Please list your current activities, sports, hobbies, and community activities:

What is something interesting you learned from viewing the Youth Tour video found on our website?
www.fmec.coop/youth-tour

Completed application, letter of recommendation, student photo & essay response
are all due to Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative's office
by 3:30 p.m., Friday, February 7, 2025, to be considered.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicant must be a junior or senior in high school and reside in the FMEC service territory.
- Must be the child or dependent of an FMEC member.
- Must be available for an interview on Monday, March 10, 2025 (beginning at 3:30 p.m.) if chosen to advance. Interviews will be held at Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative.
- Must be available for the National Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., June 16 through June 21, 2025.
- The awarded delegate must agree to deliver a presentation upon the return, to our FMEC Board of Directors at the monthly board meeting in June or July.

Application Submission:

- The application form may be submitted via webform at www.fmec.coop by clicking the “Community” tab—Youth Tour. You may also download the printable version and submit it to Lori Jimenez at lori.jimenez@fmec.coop or drop it off at our office.
- **Applications are due in our office by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2025.**
- Please make sure to include the following with your application submission:
 - A letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or youth organization leader.
 - A high-resolution photo in headshot/portrait format. The photo will be publicized in announcements and will not affect the application process. Your submission of this photo constitutes your and your parent(s)/guardian(s) permission to use the photo in announcements or other promotional materials.
 - A YouTube video link or essay response to the essay question (s). Multiple applicants cannot submit the same video. The video must be your original creation.
 - If using YouTube, please set privacy to ‘unlisted’ and email the link.

I understand that if I am selected:

- I agree to be available for the NRECA Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 16 – 21, 2025.
- I agree to attend the FMEC board meeting in June or July and present the tour to the directors.
- I agree to attend the interview process on Monday, March 10, 2025.
For some unforeseen reason, I cannot fulfill my obligation; I must notify Freeborn Mower Electric Cooperative immediately to consider an alternative.
- I agree to allow FMEC to publish my name and/or photographs in their newsletter, on the website, and/or, on social media, etc.

Parent/Guardian Consent: I/we hereby give my/our dependent high school junior or senior permission to enter the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., contest. I/we understand that if he/she wins, I/we will be responsible for providing his/her transportation to and from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. By signing this form, we agree that the student named below is making a commitment and is obligated to attend the Youth Tour.

Applicant’s Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian/Custodial Signature

Date

Youth Tour Essay Question

Be unique, be creative, be yourself, and have fun!

*Please respond with a video upload of approximately 3-4 minutes or
a typed essay of around 500 words.*

***Explain how participating in the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour
will help you develop leadership skills and a deeper understanding
of the role of electric cooperatives in your community.***

*Include specific examples of how you plan to apply these skills
and knowledge in your future endeavors.*

Selection:

- All applicants who meet the eligibility requirements will be considered.
- **Preliminary Selection** – A judging committee will select up to five (5) applicants to advance to the interview process.
- **Final Selection** – The final judging will be in the form of an interview process. (March 10, 2025, beginning at 3:30 p.m.) Two applicants will be awarded the Youth Tour Experience, and two will be selected for alternates.
- **Notification** - All applicants will be notified of the outcome.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Currently a junior or senior in high school
- Must reside in FMEC territory
- Completed application form (Pages 1 & 2)
- Completed essay questions (video or typed)
- Photo of yourself
- Letter of recommendation
- If selected, able to attend the interview process – March 10, 2025

RETURN TO:

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