



The idea

came from President Lyndon B. Johnson who advocated for rural electrification and youth development. In 1957, when he was still a U.S. Senator, Johnson suggested “sending youngsters to the nation’s capital where they can actually see what the flag stands for and represents.”

This notion evolved

into a nationwide effort to send youth on an organized, fun and educational trip in the 1960s. Now, some 60 years later, electric cooperatives from across the country send **over 1,500 youth to the nation’s capital every summer.**



How to Apply

Contact your local electric cooperative to learn more about how to apply for the June 2024 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour trip.

Applications are due before the end of the year.

This scholarship is valued at over \$2,500.

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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR 2024



June 17-23, 2024



WASHINGTON D.C.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED IN THE FALL
FOR THE JUNE 2024 PROGRAM

High School Juniors & Seniors

You Could Spend a Week in Washington, D.C., All-Expenses-Paid

Are you a high school junior or senior whose family gets its power from an electric cooperative? Do you have big dreams of seeing the country? Do you like history or want to shake hands with your member of congress? Or maybe you've never flown in a plane but want to travel? Do you want to meet new people from Colorado and across the country? Then the Washington D.C. Youth Tour is for you!



Candidates compete for a spot in the Washington D.C. Youth Tour, a week-long all-expenses-paid trip to Washington D.C.. The trip is sponsored by your local electric cooperative and organized by the Colorado Rural Electric Association, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Colorado Electric Educational Institute.

About my trip...

“ Youth Tour was an unforgettable experience that has changed my life. I met incredible people and had an incredible time.”

“ Youth Tour is a fabulous opportunity and a once in a lifetime experience. I cannot express how thankful I am for this chance to discover so much about our nation's capitol.”

“ This Youth Tour opened big doors for small town kids.”

“ Because of the generosity of my co-op, I was able to see my country in a new light with people I normally never would have met. I am proud for what my co-op stands for and proud to be an American.”

“ I explored my interests, toured the national capitol and met some of the most interesting students throughout the country.”

“ It can be tough to be with a group of kids you've never met before, but life begins when you step outside your comfort zone and where else is better to start your life than this beautiful nation's capitol ... and it was free!”

“ Amazing sights, brilliant people and hands-on history. What could be better? Thank you for everything!”

Here's a Look at a Youth Tour Schedule*



DAY 1 & 2

- Meet in Denver to start our week together
- Tour a co-op and learn about electricity
- Tour the Colorado State Capitol
- Have dinner with a state legislator

DAY 3

- Fly to Washington, D.C.
- Tour the WWII, Vietnam, Korean and Lincoln Memorials
- Meet students from other states
- Learn about cooperatives

DAY 4

- Participate in a congressional simulation
- Tour Mt. Vernon

DAY 4 Cont'd

- Visit Ford's Theater
- Tour the Martin Luther King, Jefferson and FDR Memorials
- Attend Youth Day with over 1,500 students from across the country

DAY 5

- Visit with U.S. Senators and Representatives
- Tour the U.S. Capitol
- Enjoy a play

DAY 6

- Visit the Library of Congress
- See the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution

DAY 6 Cont'd

- See the Navy Memorial
- Visit your choice of Smithsonian museums

DAY 7

- Visit the Iwo Jima Memorial
- Visit the Holocaust Museum
- Tour the Air Force and 9/11 Memorials
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery
- Attend a dinner, dance, and career fair with students from across the country

DAY 8

- Say goodbye to Washington D.C., and your new friends, say hello to life-long memories

*Schedule is tentative