

Indiana's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.



PURPOSE:

The Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. is taken each year to provide young adults with the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital:

- to experience first hand how our government functions,
- to learn about the complexities of today's electric utility industry,
- to discover the unique characteristics of cooperative business enterprise,
- to meet and work with hundreds of their peers from throughout the United States

TRAVEL DATES & COSTS:

The Youth Tour delegation will meet in Indianapolis on Wednesday, **June 13, 2012**. We will return to the headquarters of the Indiana Statewide Association of RECs, Inc. on Thursday, **June 21, 2012**.

All travel expenses from Indianapolis, meals, lodging and scheduled event fees will be borne by the sponsors of the Youth Tour.* Travel to and from Indianapolis and incidental expenses incurred by the participants will not be covered.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants from the local cooperatives:

- Applicants must have completed their junior year in high school, and be enrolled for their senior year. Home schooled students are eligible to apply.
- Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, DC requires a great deal of physical fitness and stamina, and may not be designed for children who need significant assistance for personal care, require constant one-on-one support, or have great difficulty managing their behavior in group settings. If your child has a special health care need, contact your electric co-op for an evaluation of the traveler's care needs. A thorough evaluation will be made by Indiana Statewide Assn. Youth Tour staff. ***Health conditions requiring advance clearance include, but are not limited to: Insulin Dependent Diabetes, Cardiac Situations, Asthmatics, Seizure Disorders, mental illness, Autism Spectrum & Serious Food Allergies.***

JUDGING:

Applications will be reviewed and judged on academic achievements, civic involvement and essays.

Subject of Essay:

Our Energy, Our Future

- 2 page essay

*Failure to provide Indiana Statewide Association with a **minimum of 45 days** cancellation notice could result in a participant's parents or guardians being billed for all or a portion of the trip's expenses.

Applications are due at Decatur County REMC no later than February 24, 2012

School Participation (list activities participated in during your high school attendance such as class officer, plays, athletics, music, clubs, etc.):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Description</u>

Extracurricular Activities (list non-school activities in which you have participated as a leader):

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Offices Held</u>

Additional Information (list additional information which demonstrates your leadership abilities and academic achievements):

I, hereby, ensure that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

(Student signature)

(Date)

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I have read and understand the above statement and assure trip administrators that my son/daughter meets the health requirements as noted and is eligible to participate in Youth Tour to Washington, DC, if selected.

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Date)

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size of box)*