

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

Win a Trip to Washington, D.C.

West Central Electric will once again sponsor three or four high school juniors on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Each June over 1,800 high school juniors and seniors travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour. During that week, they learn about Washington, D.C., government, cooperative philosophy and rural electrification. The students are selected and sponsored by their local rural electric cooperatives. The South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) coordinates arrangements for the South Dakota students.

Some of the sites that will be toured are: The Lincoln Memorial, National Cathedral, The White House, Air and Space Museum, The Washington Monument, U.S. Capitol, Ford's Theater, The Kennedy Center, the Metro, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, The Smithsonian, Iwo Jima Statue, National Archives, U.S. Supreme Court, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Students will participate in a breakfast briefing with the South Dakota Congressional Delegation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All area high school juniors whose parents or guardians are members of West Central Electric.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

West Central Electric, along with the other local electric cooperatives that participate in the weeklong event, funds the tour. The funding for the tour provides for each participant's transportation, room and board, entertainment and sightseeing events. Students are required to provide their own personal spending money (snacks and souvenirs).

WHEN IS IT HELD?

The weeklong trip will be held June 15-21, 2024. Participants will meet for an orientation meeting on Saturday, June 15th in Sioux Falls. The group will fly to DC on Sunday, June 16th, and return to South Dakota on Friday, June 21st. A commercial bus will be used for transportation while in DC.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

Each entrant must submit an essay, not to exceed 500 words, on the following topic: "If chosen as a Youth Tour delegate you will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to experience and learn about America's rich history. What moment in American history do you wish you had been a part of and what would you have contributed?" All essays must be typed and include a cover sheet which states the title of the essay, the entrant's name and address, name of parent or guardian and the name of your school.

Information may be picked up from your local school guidance counselor or from West Central Electric Cooperative headquarters in Murdo, SD. All essays must be received by West Central Electric on or before February 16th, 2024.

For further information contact:

West Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.
605-669-8100

WASHINGTON, D.C. YOUTH TOUR REQUIREMENTS

- ☐ 1. Complete this form by typing or printing, attach additional sheets if necessary.
- ☐ 2. Include an essay with a maximum of 500 words on the following topic: “If chosen as a Youth Tour delegate you will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to experience and learn about America’s rich history. What moment in American history do you wish you had been a part of and what would you have contributed?”
- ☐ 3. Document high school, community, and school activities.

All scholarship entries are confidential and will be viewed by the cooperative or cooperative selection committee. Applications will not be considered unless the above required information is complete.

Return completed form to:

West Central Electric Cooperative

c/o Scholarship Program

PO Box 17

Murdo SD 57559-0017

Or email jessie.tucker@wce.coop

Due Date: February 16, 2024

WEST CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

1. Name of student applying: _____

2. Address: _____
(Street) (PO Box)

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. I am receiving electrical energy from West Central Electric at: _____
(Account or Location Number)

4. Home phone number: _____

5. Mother's name: _____ Father's name: _____

6. High School where you will graduate: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____