

YT FAQs

What is the Youth Tour?

The most frequent explanation we hear from past winners is, "The trip of a lifetime!" The Youth Tour is an annual week-long all-expense-paid event that brings together approximately 100 high school juniors from Missouri and more than 1,600 juniors from all over the country to explore our nation's capital and learn more about government, cooperatives, leadership and the sites of D.C.!

Who is eligible for the contest?

Any high school junior attending a school, or being home-schooled, in the Macon Electric Cooperative service area. Children or grandchildren of employees or directors are NOT eligible.

How do I enter the contest?

Submit an essay - 500 to 1000 words in length using MLA format. Be sure to attach the required Contestant Application (found at maconelectric.com/youth-tour).

How are finalists selected?

A judging committee scores each essay based on knowledge of the subject, originality, composition, neatness, grammar and ability to effectively communicate thoughts. The eight students who receive the highest essay scores are selected as finalists. Your total essay score will carry with you as 50% of your overall contest score.

What do I have to do if I am selected as a finalist?

Use the content of your essay to develop a speech, multimedia presentation or original movie to be presented during a banquet, which will be held on the evening of Tuesday, April 5, 2022. This presentation will be evaluated by a panel of judges and will make up the remaining 50% of your overall contest score.

How many students get to go to Washington, D.C.?

The four students with the highest overall scores will be awarded the all-expense-paid trip to our nation's capital. The other finalists are awarded a trip to the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) and will be alternates for the trip to D.C.

What do I write the essay about?

What would the world be like today without electricity and without electric cooperatives? Be sure to include references, if you use them.

Where do I find information about cooperatives?

www.maconelectric.com/youth-tour

When is the essay deadline?

All essays must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2022.

Is it really free?

Yes! We're offering you a free trip to Washington D. C. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! MEC, the Association of Missouri Cooperatives and the National Rural Electric Association will pay ALL of the expenses.

Where do I send the essay?

Macon Electric Cooperative
Attn: Rebecca Miller
P.O. Box 157, Macon, MO 63552
E-mail: rmiller@maconelectric.com

Scholarship Opportunity

The two finalists with the highest overall scores will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to Hannibal LaGrange University (donated by Hannibal LaGrange).

Highlights

Arlington Cemetery
Smithsonian Museums
World War II Memorial
Washington Monument
FDR Memorial
Iwo Jima Memorial
Vietnam Wall
Korean Memorial
Potomac River Boat Cruise
Jefferson Memorial
Mt. Vernon Tour
Newseum
White House
Major League Baseball Game
Kennedy Center
Lincoln Memorial

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