

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 2027 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour trip to Washington D.C.

This scholarship is valued at over $2,500.

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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

YOUTH TOUR 2027

WASHINGTON D.C.

June 16-22, 2027

MAKE *Youth Tour* YOUR MARK

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED IN THE FALL FOR THE JUNE 2027 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 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is for you!

Candidates compete for a spot in the Electric Cooperative 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.



Here's a Look at a Youth Tour Schedule*

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY
- Meet in Denver to start our week together
- Tour the Colorado State Capitol
- Learn about electricity and see a high-voltage electric safety demo
- Build a generation and transmission electric system model
- Have dinner with a state legislator

DAY 2 - THURSDAY
- Fly to Washington, D.C.
- Tour Fort McHenry
- Check out the Baltimore National Aquarium

DAY 3 - FRIDAY
- Visit with U.S. Senators and Representatives
- Tour the U.S. Capitol

DAY 3 Cont'd
- Tour Library of Congress
- Dinner in National Harbor

DAY 4 - SATURDAY
- Visit George Washington's home estate
- Visit the Pentagon and Air Force Memorials
- See World War II, Vietnam War, Lincoln & Korean War Memorials

DAY 5 - SUNDAY
- Leadership Presentation
- Visit Ford's Theater
- See the Navy Memorial
- See the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution

DAY 5 Cont'd
- Visit your choice of Smithsonian museums
- Potomac River Dinner Cruise

DAY 6 - MONDAY
- Attend Youth Day with over 1,500 students from across the country
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery
- See Martin Luther King Jr., Franklin D. Roosevelt, & Thomas Jefferson Memorial
- Attend a dinner and dance with students from across the country

DAY 7 - TUESDAY
- Say goodbye to Washington D.C., and your new friends, say hello to life-long memories

*Schedule is tentative

ABOUT MY TRIP...

"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!"

"It's an experience you wouldn't want to pass by."

"It's an amazing opportunity where you'll be able to meet new people and learn about our nation's history."

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

"Youth Tour was a once in a lifetime experience and an incredible opportunity. It was so good to meet new people and experience DC with them and all it had to offer!"

"It was an absolutely amazing experience! The places we went to held such significance in American identity. I have made friends that will now have a place in my heart forever."

"It was amazing, make the most of it, and meet new people, because it goes by fast!!"

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