

Howard Electric Cooperative

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Take a Trip of a Lifetime!

Youth Tour

Washington, D.C.



June 14 - 20, 2019

Investing in the Leaders of Tomorrow

2019 Official Youth Tour Contest Application

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Parents or Guardian's Name: _____

Name of High School: _____

High school teacher or counselor responsible for student sign-up: _____

2019 Official Youth Tour Contest Rules

1. Entries may be submitted by high school juniors attending school in Howard Electric Cooperative's service area (*except children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters of HEC employees or directors*).
 2. Entries must include this completed application and an essay on this topic: **Electrical safety is very important to us at HEC. Write a story about electrical safety and explain how the proper safety precautions were or were not used. It can be a real-life story, or one you made up. Be sure to include references, if you use them.**
 - Essay entries must be 350-500 words, double-spaced, typed using size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font
 - Attach this application to your essay, do not write your name on your essay.
 3. Entries must be received by **March 1st, at the Howard Electric Cooperative office.**
 - You may deliver them to the HEC office (located at 205 Hwy 5 and 240 N. Fayette, MO 65248).
 - Mail them to: YOUTH TOUR, Howard Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 391 Fayette, MO 65248.
- 5 Finalists will be invited to the 2019 Youth Tour banquet on Monday, March 25th for the final judging.

2019 Official Youth Tour Contest Awards

All-Expense Paid Trip to Washington, D.C. The participant with the top score will receive an **all-expense paid** trip to Washington, D.C. June 14-20, 2019. This student will represent Howard Electric Cooperative and the State of Missouri at the 2019 National Youth Tour Conference in Washington, D.C. In addition, the Youth Tour winner will receive a \$500 scholarship awarded their Junior year of college. Enter and win. You could be next!



Youth Tour FAQ's

Q. What is the Youth Tour?

A. More than 1,500 students from all across America travel to Washington, D.C., where they will meet U.S. Representatives and Senators. This unique trip will give you the opportunity to watch history come alive as you explore the museums, memorials and monuments with students from your state. You will meet student leaders from nearly every state and hear dynamic leaders on Youth Day.

Q. Who is eligible for the contest?

A. Entries may be submitted by high school juniors whose families are members of the cooperative or all high school juniors who attend schools in Howard Electric Cooperative's service area are eligible. Children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters of employees or current board members are not eligible.

Q. How do I enter the contest?

A. The first step for students is to fill out a Youth Tour application and write a 350-500 word essay.

Q. What is the deadline and dates for contest entries?

A. Entries must be received by March 1st, at the Howard Electric office.

Q. How are finalists selected?

A. If there are more than 5 entries, a preliminary judging committee will score each essay submitted based on: **Cooperative Knowledge** (15 points). Show a working knowledge of Howard Electric Cooperative and its current practices; **Composition** (15 points). Make sure your composition sticks to the topic and is well organized; **Originality** (10 points). Be creative and add your own ideas. Find an interesting way to share your knowledge; **Grammar & Neatness** (5 points). Use good sentence structure, proper punctuation, complete sentences, and accurate spelling; Material must be submitted in the required format and presented in a clear, organized manner. Essay entries must be a double-spaced, typed document using size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font. The 5 students with the highest preliminary scores are selected as finalists. The preliminary score will carry with you as part of your overall contest score.

Q. What do I do if I am selected as a finalist?

A. Finalists will be notified prior to March 19, 2019. Finalists should review their Youth Tour study guide and prepare to make an oral presentation of your essay to the judges and other guests of the Youth Tour banquet. The final judging will be based on the highest combined score of essay (45 points), oral presentation (40 points), and quiz (15). The 2019 banquet is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019.

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

A. The student with the top overall score will be selected to represent Howard Electric and Missouri as a Youth Tour delegate on the all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The runner up will win a "CYCLE" 3 day conference in Jefferson City and experience Missouri government July 17-19, 2019. The remaining three will win participation prizes.

Q. What do I write the essay about?

A. This year's essay topic is, *"Electrical safety is very important to us at HEC. Write a story about electrical safety and explain how the proper safety precautions were or were not used. It can be a real-life story, or one you made up."*

Q. Where can I find information for my essay?

A. In addition to your Youth Tour booklet, many resources can be found online! Check out howardelectric.com, nreca.coop, amec.org, aeci.org, and youthtour.coop. For additional information contact us at 660-248-3311, or email your questions to jvroman@howardelectric.com.

Q. What is the cost of the trip to Washington, D.C.?

A. **Nothing.** Absolutely nothing! Howard Electric will pay all of the expenses (\$2,500 value). The only cost to the student will be for incidentals such as extra souvenirs and personal items of interest.

Q. What will I see in Washington, D.C.?

A. Air Force Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, FDR Memorial, Ford's Theatre, Iwo Jima Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Library of Congress, Lincoln Memorial, Mount Vernon, Potomac River Cruise, Smithsonian Museums, Supreme Court, The Pentagon, White House, U.S Capitol, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington Monument, World War I and II Monuments and so much more!

Q. Who will the chaperones be?

A. Ten to twelve Cooperative employees and spouses from across the state are designated to chaperone.

Q. How do we travel on the trip?

A. By bus from Jefferson City to the St. Louis airport and by plane to D.C. All touring in D.C. is via tour bus.

Q. OK, what's the catch?

A. There is no catch! We're offering you a trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C. to learn about government, electric cooperatives and rural electrification. You will also visit historic monuments and museums. Add a few new friends to your social network! Don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity!

Q. Where do I send my application and essay?

A. You can mail or deliver your application and essay to: Howard Electric Cooperative
Youth Tour Coordinator
PO Box 391 Fayette, MO 65248