HOW TO APPLY

ELIGIBILITY:

The contest is open to any current high school junior or senior whose family is a member of the Cooperative.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Complete the Stearns Electric Youth Tour Application.
- Write and submit a 300-word essay on the benefits of the Cooperative business model.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher or advisor.
- The top finalists will be interviewed by a judging committee.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Tour Dates: June 18-23, 2024
- Completed applications, essays and recommendation letters must be received at Stearns Electric no later than 4 p.m., February 9, 2024.
- Applications are available at the Stearns Electric offices, the Cooperative's website: www.stearnselectric.org or at your school's counseling center.

OUESTIONS:

If you have questions or if we can provide more information for you, please don't hesitate to contact the Stearns Electric Youth Tour Coordinator during regular business hours at (800) 962-0655 or by email at kanderson@stearnselectric.org.





YOU COULD WIN AN ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. JUNE 18-23, 2024





Stearns Electric Association is offering area students a chance to win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. from June 18-23, 2024.

Join over 1,500 delegates from all over the country in Washington, D.C. to visit with congressional representatives, tour some of the most famous museums in the world and make memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

Make 2024 the year you experience the monuments dedicated to our country's leaders and heroes. Let your voice be heard and get your questions answered. Contact Stearns Electric Association or your high school counselor to apply.

CONTEST PURPOSE:

To select one student to represent Stearns Electric Association at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Washington, D.C. Youth Tour.

AWARDS:

First Place – All-expense paid Washington, D.C. Youth Tour **Second Place** – First Alternate and \$150 **Third Place** – Second Alternate and \$100 The first 15 applicants will receive a \$20 gift card.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

This itinerary is only a sample.

The 2024 Tour Itinerary will be available closer to the tour date.

TUESDAY

Travel to Washington, D.C. Electric Cooperatives 101 Class Youth Leadership Council Speeches

WEDNESDAY

Walking Tour of Monuments: Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, WWII Memorial, etc. Arlington Cemetery Trolley Tour National Cathedral Night Monument Tour: 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, WWII Memorial, etc.

THURSDAY

Capitol Visits with Senators and Representatives Visit the Galleries, Library of Congress and Supreme Court Dinner at Union Station Theatre

FRIDAY

Iwo Jima Memorial
White House Group Photo
Holocaust Museum
National Archives, Smithsonian
Museum
Youth Tour General Session

SATURDAY

Mount Vernon National Museum of the Marine Corps Old Town - Alexandria Washington Nationals Game

SUNDAY

Travel Home to Minnesota



