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Be There. Be Heard. Be Inspired.

We're going on a Power Trip. Join Us.

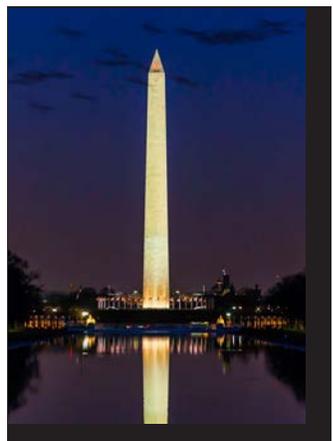
You will spend six days in our nation's capital visiting museums and chatting with politicians. The best part? Your rural electric cooperative will pay all of the expenses!

Last year, 41 bright, enthusiastic and passionate high school juniors and seniors represented Minnesota. But we weren't the only ones there. Youth Tour is a national sensation.

Over 1,600 delegates from all over the country rocked D.C. in 2014. These students visited with their congressional representatives, toured some of the most famous museums in the world and made memories and friends that will last a lifetime.

Make 2016 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 your rural electric cooperative or high school counselor to apply. The Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) coordinates the youth tour. We will leave Saturday, June 11 and return Thursday, June 16.

In the meantime, check out our pictures: on our Facebook group page: <https://goo.gl/8lc9QG> or NRECA's National Youth Tour website: <http://youthtour.coop>.



The Youth Tour was a real eye opener. It made politics seem not so distant, something that I could actually become a part of and affect directly ... When you're in D.C., you realize that you are the next generation to step into the government positions that run our country.

- Carter Duncan, Youth Tour participant & National Youth Leadership Council

Attention Sophomores & Juniors:
Win a 5-day trip to Washington, DC in June!

The Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative
Youth Leadership Contest is now underway!

By the end of March, a student in the Todd-Wadena area will have won a five-day, all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. That student will join about 35 other Minnesota students and about 1500 others from across the country in our nation's capital, June 11-16, 2016. The Minnesota delegation will visit the national monuments, the Smithsonian Institute and Arlington Cemetery and meet with legislators on Capitol Hill.



The contest includes two parts: a written essay and a personal interview. First, you must submit a one-page, typed essay explaining why you would like to participate in this tour of Washington, D.C. Essays must be received at the Todd-Wadena office by **February 26, 2016**. They will be judged on the validity of your reasoning as well as the quality of your writing.

Students with the top essays will be invited for the second part of the contest, the interviews. Brief interviews will be held with each contestant on **Thursday evening, March 10** (tentative) at the Todd-Wadena office in Wadena. Appointment times and further details will be mailed to each qualifying contestant. Winners will be announced the following day.

Submit essay (or direct any questions) to:

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