



2025 Youth Tour

Washington D.C. | June 16 - 20, 2025

Purpose

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., provides young adults with the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital to:

- Experience firsthand how government functions
- Learn about the complexities of today's electric utility industry
- Discover the unique characteristics of the cooperative business model/enterprise; and
- Meet and network with hundreds of their peers from throughout the United States.

Travel Dates & Cost*

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is June 16th - 20th, 2025. All expenses to and from Washington, D.C., including flights, meals, lodging, and scheduled event fees are covered by Benton REA and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Benton REA also provides students with \$250 cash for incidental expenses. Additional expenses incurred by the students are not covered.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants from Benton REA:

- Applicants must be currently enrolled as a sophomore or junior in high school. Home-schooled students are eligible to apply.
- The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour requires a great deal of physical fitness and stamina and may not be designed for children who need significant assistance for personal care, require constant one-on-one support, or have great difficulty managing their behavior in group settings. If your child has a special healthcare need, contact Benton REA for an evaluation of the traveler's care needs. A thorough evaluation will be made by Benton REA staff. *Health conditions requiring advance clearance include but are not limited to insulin-dependent diabetes; cardiac situations; asthmatics; seizure disorders; mental illness; autism spectrum, and any serious or life-threatening food allergies.*
- Applicants must be a dependent of a Benton REA member whose primary residence is in Benton, Yakima, or Lewis Counties.
- Children of Benton REA employees are not eligible to apply.

Judging

- Each applicant must submit a written essay.
 - Essay topic: What moment in American History do you wish you had been a part of and what would you have contributed?
- Your application and essay must be received by Benton REA no later than January 6, 2025.
- Benton REA staff will select up to five finalists to be interviewed in January 2025.
- Two applicants will be selected to attend the Youth Tour as Benton REA's delegate(s).

*Failure to provide Benton REA with a minimum of 45 days cancellation notice may result in a participant's parents or guardians being billed for all or a portion of the trip's expenses.

*A student being sent home because of poor behavior will result in the parents or guardians being billed for all or a portion of the trip's expenses.



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Applications are due to Benton REA no later than January 6, 2025, at 5pm

Mail application to: Benton REA, Attn: Youth Tour, P.O. Box 1150, Prosser, WA 99350

Personal Information

Student Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Name You Wish to Appear on Name Badge: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: Washington Zip Code: _____

Home Phone/ Parent Cell: _____ Student cell (phone used on trip): _____

Sex: M F Other Rather not say Date of Birth: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Student Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Academic Information

Name of High School: _____

High School Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: Washington Zip Code: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Current Year in School: Sophomore Junior

ACT Composite Scores Verbal : _____ Math : _____

PSAT/SAT Scores Verbal : _____ Math : _____



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Scholastic Awards (list any national or local awards received)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Description</u>

School Participation (List activities you've participated in such as class officer, plays, athletics, music, clubs, etc):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Description</u>

Extracurricular Leadership (List non-school activities for which you have participated in as a leader):

<u>Year</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Offices Held</u>

Additional Information (List additional information that demonstrates your leadership abilities and/or academic achievements):

I, hereby, ensure that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature

Date

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I have read and understand the above statement and assure trip administrators that, if selected, my son/daughter meets the health requirements as noted and is eligible to participate in the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date