

## Youth Tour 2025

### Contest Guidelines

1. Applicants must be members of the 2024-25 Junior Class.
2. Applicants must attend a school located in Central's service area or their primary residence must be served by Central.
3. After a review of the applications, five students will be selected for final interviews. Two of those will be awarded an all-expense trip to Washington D.C. All five finalist will receive a scholarship.
4. Applicants must be able to participate in the interview process by appointment on March 3, 4 or 5, 2025.
5. Applicants must be able to attend Youth Tour June 13 – 19, 2025.

### Application

1. Each applicant shall submit a completed application online at [www.mycentral.coop/youthtour](http://www.mycentral.coop/youthtour).
2. Entries must be submitted by Friday, February 14, 2025, at 5 p.m.
3. All applications become the property of Central Rural Electric Cooperative.

### Contest Judging

1. All applications will be reviewed by judges chosen by Central.
2. Five students will be selected for interviews based on their essay.
3. Judges will choose two winners based upon the following criteria:
  - 25% Written Application & Resumé
    - School, community and work activities.
  - 25% Essay
    - Essay should be an original work of 600 to 800 words typed and double spaced on 8½" x 11" paper.
    - No name should appear on the essay but must be included on the cover sheet.
    - Correct usage of words, punctuation, spelling and sentence structure.
    - Recognizable point being made and solid support of your view.
  - 50% Interview
    - Knowledge of electric cooperatives.
    - Responses to interview questions.
    - Poise and Personality (overall presentation).

### Essay Topic

*"In what ways can young people contribute to the future of rural communities, and how can electric cooperatives support these efforts?"*

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