Youth Tour

The Trip of a Lifetime!

Contest Application

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____CMEC Account #: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Name of High School: _____

High school teacher/counselor responsible for student application: _____

Contest Rules

1. Entries may be submitted by high school juniors who attend school in the CMEC coverage area.
2. Entries must include this completed application and an essay **or** a video on the topic:

   If you could go back in time and alter one historic event, what would it be?
   Why would you change it, and how would it affect the world we know today?
   - Essay entries must be 500-1000 words, double-spaced, typed using size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font.
   - Video entries must be 3-5 minutes in length.
3. Entries must be received by **March 1.**
   - Mail: Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, YOUTH TOUR, P.O. Box 939, Sedalia, MO 65302
   - Deliver: Central Missouri Electric Cooperative office (22702 N Highway 65, Sedalia)
   - Email to: msr@cmecinc.com

Contest Awards

All-Expense Paid Trip to Washington, D.C.

The student(s) with the top score will represent Central Missouri Electric Cooperative and the State of Missouri at the National Youth Tour Conference in Washington, D.C. in June.

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Youth Tour FAQ's

Q. What is the Youth Tour?

A. This unique trip is the opportunity to watch history come alive while exploring the museums, memorials and monuments of Washington D.C. More than 1,500 students from all across America travel to the nation's capital and meet their U.S. Representatives and Senators. In addition, they meet student leaders from across the country and hear dynamic leaders on Youth Day.

Q. Who is eligible for the contest?

A. While the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour is a national program, students are sponsored by their local electric cooperatives. Entries may be submitted to CMEC by high school juniors who attend school in the CMEC coverage area.

How do I enter the contest?

A. Fill out the Youth Tour application. Along with the application, submit a 500-1,000 word essay or 3-5 minute video on the current essay topic.

Q. What is the deadline for contest entry?

A. Entries must be received no later than March 1st.

Q. How are delegates selected?

A. The judging committee will score each essay or video submitted based on:

Cooperative Knowledge (40 points). Show a working knowledge of Central Missouri Electric Cooperative and its current practices.

Composition (25 points). Stick to the topic and be well organized.

Originality (20 points). Be creative and add your own ideas. Find an interesting way to share your knowledge.

Grammar (10 points). Use good sentence structure, proper punctuation, complete sentences and accurate spelling.

Neatness (5 points). Essay entries must be a double-spaced, typed document using size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font. Material must be submitted in the required format and presented in a clear, organized manner.

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

A. The finalist(s) with the top overall score will be selected to represent CMEC and Missouri as a Youth Tour delegate on the all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in June.

Q. What do I write the essay or make a video about?

A. This year's essay topic is: If you could go back in time and alter one historic event, what would it be? Why would you change it, and how would it affect the world we know today?

Q. Where can I find more information?

A. Many resources can be found online. Check out cmecinc.com, nreca.coop, amec.org, aeci.org and youthtour.coop. For additional information contact the office at 660.826.2900, or email questions to msr@cmecinc.com.

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

A. **Nothing**.
The Cooperative will pay **all** of the expenses ($2,700 value). The only cost to the delegate 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. Delegates travel by bus from Columbia 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! This is the trip of a lifetime to Washington, D.C. to learn about government, electric co-operatives 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 or video to: Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, PO Box 939, Sedalia, MO 65302.