

Youth Tour 2023



TREC's 2022 Youth Tour delegates are from left: Billi Galliher and Cali Coombs, both students at Russellville High School; Tyler Brandt, a student at Chamois High School; Katrina Toebben, a student at Fatima High School; Keara McDonnell, who attends school at St. Elizabeth; and Ellie Brune, a student at Fatima High School.

You could win the **Trip of a Lifetime** to Washington, D.C. this summer!

Do you want to visit Washington, D.C. for free this summer? Would you like to make hundreds of new friends while learning about government, leadership and cooperatives? If so, this trip is for you!

Three Rivers Electric Cooperative will send six high school juniors to Washington, D.C., June 12-18. What do you have to do to win this trip? Using between 500 and 750 words, write a thought-provoking essay backed up with facts. Interview a parent, grandparent or other adult and ask how technology has changed over their lifetime. What role did Three Rivers Electric Cooperative have with those technological changes?

Deadline: January 27, 2023

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Write an Essay

Using between 500 to 750 words answer prompt above to demonstrate a thorough understanding of the topic. Essays should be typed. Attach a separate sheet of paper to the front of the essay with your name, address, phone number, parent or guardian's name, and the name of your school. Essays will be judged for creativity, accuracy, clarity, technical soundness (grammar, punctuation, etc.), and the level of independent research. Essays should be mailed to Youth Tour Coordinator, PO BOX 918, LINN, MO 65051.

Rules and Regulations

- All essays must be received by January 27, 2023. We prefer essays to be mailed or hand delivered to either the Linn or Brazito office. Essays submitted by email should be sent to lkiso@threeriverselectric.com. Make sure to include cover sheet and type YT Essay in subject line.
- To be eligible, students must be juniors currently residing in or attending school in Three Rivers Electric Cooperative's service area. They must also be living in the Three Rivers Electric service area at the time of the trip. Students cannot be children or grandchildren of a current Three Rivers Electric board member or employee.
- All essays become the property of Three Rivers Electric Cooperative and will not be returned.
- Twelve finalists will be chosen to appear at the final judging event held on March 27th in Linn.
- Six winners will be chosen from the finalists to attend the Youth Tour.
- Six runners-up will each receive a \$200.00 gift card.
- The decision of the judges is final.

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Judging Criteria

- Addresses the Prompt in an Understandable Manner – 20 points
- The essay needs to address the prompt in a clear manner. The essay should be easy to follow and fully answer the chosen prompt.
- Grammatically Correct/Technically Sound – 20 points
- Essays should be grammatically correct.
- Independent Research – 20 points
- Students need to showcase research in their projects. Include research to showcase life before technological advances and to justify predictions of future technology.
- Creativity – 40 points
- Projects should be unique, memorable and something that will stand out from other entries.
- Total available: 100 points

Judges from neighboring cooperatives will score your project. Scores will be based on the guide above and then averaged to provide the final score of the project. The scoring of the judges is final.

Judging Criteria for Final Event

- Finalists will take a 50 point true-false timed quiz.
- Students will present their essay in front of an audience that includes a panel of three judges who are members of the cooperative.
- Scores from the quiz and presentation will be used to determine the winners of the trip.
- The decision of the judges is final.

The Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. will take place June 12-18