

# You Can Win the Trip of a Lifetime!

**Enter the 2018 Youth Tour Essay Contest to win a week-long trip to Washington, D.C.**

**Deadline: January 31, 2018**

## It's Easy to Enter:

Write a 300 to 500 word essay on the theme "People Helping People - The Electric Cooperative Story." Discuss how electric cooperatives and their members help people and demonstrate a thorough understanding of the topic. Essays should be typed. Attach to the front of the essay a separate sheet of paper with your name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, parent or guardian's name, and the name of your school.

Essays will be judged for creativity, accuracy, clarity, grammar, punctuation and the level of independent research.

## Rules and Regulations:

- All entries must be postmarked or in the drop box at the Linn or Brazito office no later Wednesday, January 31, 2018. No late entries will be accepted.
- The contest is open to all high school juniors living in or attending school in Three Rivers Electric Cooperative's service territory. Entrants need not be a cooperative member. Immediate family members (sons and daughters, sisters, brothers or grandchildren) of Three Rivers' employees or directors are not eligible.
- Twelve finalists, their parents, and teachers will be invited to TREC's Headquarters Office in Linn on Monday, March 12 for the Youth Tour Finals. Finalists will take a 50 point True-False quiz about cooperatives and then present their essay before a panel of three judges.
- From the finalists, six students will be chosen to attend the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.
- The remaining six finalists will each receive a \$200 cash prize.



**Three Rivers Electric Cooperative**

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# Rural Electric Youth Tour

TREC's 2017 Youth Tour Delegates: Leo Koenigsfeld, Bonnots Mill; Olivia Niekamp, Linn; Maddie Bader, Hermann; Cameron Gehlert, Linn; Abby Klutz, Jefferson City; Katie Rhoden, Chamois. Missouri Delegates in front of the Lincoln Memorial.



Take the "trip of a lifetime" and make great new friends! Enter TREC's Youth Tour Essay Contest and you could be a winner! As a Youth Tour delegate, you will be treated to a week-long whirlwind trip to Washington, D.C. There will be visits to all the monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon, a cruise on the Potomac River, and a chance to see the changing of the guards at Arlington National Cemetery. Every day and night is packed with fun things to do!

## Some Facts about Three Rivers Electric Cooperative

Three Rivers Electric Cooperative was formed in 1939 by 12 men who wanted to bring electricity to the rural areas of seven central Missouri counties including Osage, Cole, Maries, Miller, Gasconade and small portions of Moniteau and Franklin. The cooperative is named for the three rivers that cross its service territory: Gasconade, Maries and Osage. The first pole on the cooperative's system was set in April of 1940 and the first building energized was on June 20, 1940. The cooperative has grown tremendously over the years, but the vision statement has remained the same - to provide the best possible service at rates consistent with sound business practices. The cooperative will always invest in technology to improve reliability, operations, and efficiency.