

Three Rivers Electric Cooperative Youth Tour 2012 - Contest Rules

1 Eligibility This 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. Relatives of employees or directors of Three Rivers Electric are ineligible.

2 Essay Contest Contestants are to submit an essay of approximately 300 words, not to exceed 500 words, with the theme:

"How Does Three Rivers Electric Benefit Your Community and How You Live."

Essays are to be typed.

The cover sheet should be attached with paperclip to the front of the essay with the following information:

- Title of Essay
- School Name
- Student's Name
- Student's Gender
- Student's Age
- Parents' Names, Address and Phone Number

It is important that you **DO NOT** put your name on your essay sheets, but rather on the **COVER SHEET**. Also, **DO NOT** mention your high school or town in the essay. We will code your essay so the judge will not know your name or where you are from. This way your essay can be judged anonymously.

3 Essay Delivery & Deadline:

Essays must be postmarked or in or drop box at the Linn or Brazito office no later than *Friday, Feb. 10, 2012*.

Essays must be mailed or delivered to:

Linn Office -
Lorie Kiso, Youth Tour Coordinator
Three Rivers Electric Cooperative
1324 East Main Street/ P.O. Box 918
Linn, MO 65051

or

Brazito Office
Lorie Kiso, Youth Tour Coordinator
Three Rivers Electric Cooperative
4800 Route E
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Judging is done by district. Students will be judged in the districts in which they live. The three districts include the Eastern District - which is east of the Gasconade River; the Western District - which is west of the Osage

River; and the Central District - which is the area in between. The essays will be anonymously reviewed by two judges, one with a background in rural electric cooperatives and one with a background in English. From the essays, 18 students will be notified that they are finalists in the contest. They will be notified no later than Feb. 24, 2012 that they have been selected to compete in the final judging on March 26, 2012.

4 Finalists The 18 finalists, their parents and teachers will be invited to the final judging and banquet. This event will take place Monday, March 26, 2012 at Fatima High School in Westphalia. The finals will consist of a quiz about cooperatives and an oral presentation of the student's essay in front of a panel of judges.

Six students will receive the grand prize in the contest which is a week-long all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. The Youth Tour trip will take place June 15 through June 21.

The remaining 12 students will have the opportunity to attend CYCLE - the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience - a three-day leadership camp in Jefferson City. CYCLE is planned for July 11 through July 13.

5 Reference Material Some reference material is provided by Three Rivers Electric Cooperative. Any other reliable reference material may be used, i.e. public and school library, the Internet, a cooperative member, etc.

If you have any questions about reference material, please contact Lorie Kiso at Three Rivers Electric Cooperative. Phone: 573-644-9000 or 1-800-892-2251, or email: lkiso@threeriverselectric.com.

Reference Materials

Three Rivers Electric Cooperative website: www.threeriverselectric.com

Articles from website

Green Tree brochure

Helping Hands Community Foundation brochure

www.takecontrolandsave.coop - general information on how Three Rivers' helps its members save energy

www.amec.org - Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives website

Check local papers for articles on Three Rivers Electric Cooperative or speak with friends, relatives, neighbors, members of civic groups, school teachers and officials, and others who have information about work the Cooperative has done.