

Three Rivers Electric Cooperative's
2010 Youth Tour Essay Contest

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:

"Three Rivers Electric Cooperative – Keeping the Lights on Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

All pages of the essay are to be attached with a paperclip.

Attach a separate sheet of paper 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 or from. This way your essay can be judged anonymously.

3 Essay Delivery & Deadline:

Essays are to 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

Essays must be received in our office no later than **Friday, Feb. 12, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.** 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. that comprise the territory of Three Rivers Electric Cooperative he 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 finalists will be notified no later than **Feb. 24, 2010** that they have been selected to compete in the final judging on **March 29, 2010.**

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 29, 2010 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 be the cooperative's delegates to the Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. The Youth Tour trip will place June 11 through June 17.

The remaining 12 students will be the cooperative's delegates to the CYCLE leadership program in Jefferson City. CYCLE is planned for July 14 through July 16.

5 Reference Material

Some reference material is provided by Three Rivers Electric cooperative. Any other reliable resource may be used, i.e. public and school library, the internet, a cooperative member or employee, etc.

If you have any questions about reference material, please contact Lorie Kiso at Three Rivers Electric Cooperative. Phone: 573-897-2251 or 1-800-892-2251, or email: lkiso@threeriverselectric.com.