



# YOUTH TOUR 2024

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!

***YOU COULD WIN THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME TO WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS SUMMER!***

Three Rivers Electric Cooperative will send six high school juniors to Washington D.C., June 14-20. 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.

The theme for this year's essay is "It's 2024, from your perspective as a junior in high school, what do you believe America's greatest challenge(s) will be in the next 10 years?"

*TREC's 2023 Youth tour delegates are from left: Sophie Pfahl, Fatima High School; Alison Sporleder, Blair Oaks High School; Kate Kampeter, Fatima High School; Cody Kampeter, Fatima High School; Mackenzie Davis, Blair Oaks High School; and Haley Sunfield, Hermann High School.*





# ABOUT THE ESSAY:

## WRITE AN ESSAY

Using between 500 and 700 words answer the prompt: "It's 2024, from your perspective as a junior in high school, what do you believe America's greatest challenge(s) will be in the next 10 years?" 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 on grammar, knowledge, understanding, composition and creativity. Essays should be mailed to Three Rivers Electric Attention: Youth Tour Coordinator, PO BOX 918, LINN, MO 65051.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

- All essays must be received by **January 10**. 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](mailto:lkiso@threeriverselectric.com). Make sure to include cover sheet and type YT Essay in the subject line.
- To be eligible, students must be juniors currently residing in or attending school in Three Rivers Electric Cooperative's service area at the time of the trip. Students cannot be children or grandchildren of a current Three Rivers Electric board members or employees.
- 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 scheduled for **March 25** 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.

# DEADLINE FOR ESSAYS IS JANUARY 10



## **GRADING CRITERIA:**

**20  
points**

Grammar

**20  
points**

Knowledge/  
Understanding

**20  
points**

Composition

**40  
points**

Creativity

The essay needs to address the prompt in a clear manner. It should be easy to follow and grammatically correct. The essay should be unique and showcase your research.

***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.**

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