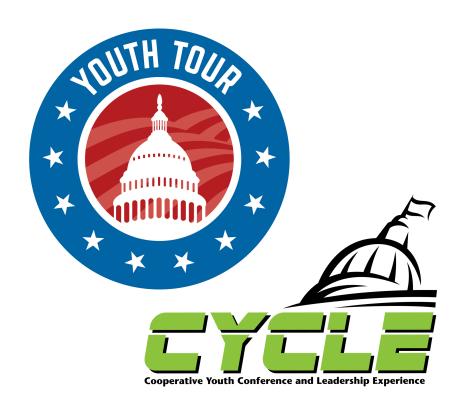


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Official Youth Tour/Cycle Application

2025 Youth Tour & Cycle Application Information

Youth Tour: June 15-21, 2025 | CYCLE: July 15-18, 2025

Eligibility:

- Entrants must be a student who currently attends a school in our service area.
- Entrants must be high school sophomores or juniors at the time of application due date. Homeschooled students are also eligible to apply but must be in our service area.
- Applications must be received by the deadline which is published online and/or during the presentation annually.
- · Incomplete applications are ineligible.
- Applicants will be asked to participate in an essay, video, or art contest and provide a completed
 application. The entries will be judged by a third party to ensure the judges stay impartial while scoring.
- The top two winners of the essay contest will go to Youth Tour, the following third and fourth winners will go to Youth Cycle. Juniors will qualify for Tour, Sophomores will qualify for Cycle unless not enough applicants apply and then Sophomores will be eligible for Tour. The committee will weigh responses based on content quality and content of the entry (video, essay, or art).
- The selected winning delegates will be notified within two to four weeks after contest is over. Any winner
 who decides not to go will need to notify the cooperative no less than 30 days prior to the trip. If the winner
 cancels less than 7 days, a 50% fee may be collected from the winner to cover all upfront costs such as
 airfare.
- Applicants cannot be an immediate family member of a director or an employee of Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

Entry Rules:

- 1. Students must submit an essay, piece of art, or video, on the topic "How Cooperatives Make a Difference":
- Essays must be at least 1 page double spaced, size 12 font. Videos must be at least 2 minutes in length and the student must speak during the video. All art that is entered must have a paragraph accompany the artwork to explain the piece and imagery.
- 2. Entries will be judged based on the following equal components:
- Originality
- Composition
- Neatness
- Grammar & Syntax
- · Critical Thinking
- 3. All entries received by the March 7, 2025 due date will be judged by an unbiased third party. The judges will then pick two junior students to receive the all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., and two junior students to receive the all-expense-paid trip to CYCLE in Jefferson City. Winners of both Youth Tour and CYCLE will be contacted two to four weeks after the contest deadline.

TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LANCASTER, MISSOURI APPLICATION FORM

Full Name	Date of Birth	
Grade in School	Name of High School	
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Please direct any questions to Email: smills@tricountyelectric	Stephanie Mills at Tri-County Electric Co c.org 660-457-3733 ext 233.	
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