



Tri-County
Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

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Lancaster, Missouri 63548



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
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APPLICATION FORM**

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Grade in School _____ Name of High School _____
Age _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____
Address _____

Parent/Guardian information

Full Name _____
Relationship _____ Phone Number _____
Email _____

Parent/Guardian Release Form

As parent/guardian of _____, I give my approval for him or her to enter the
"Youth Tour & CYCLE Essay Contest," and if selected to receive either trip, they have my permission to
participate on behalf of Tri-County Electric Cooperative.

Signature of Parent _____ Signature of Student _____
Date: _____ Date: _____

Photo Release Form for Minors (if under 18)

Tri-County Electric Cooperative has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly to promote the Cooperative during and after Youth Tour/CYCLE. I understand that the images may be used in professional print publications (Rural Missouri), online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. Please direct any questions to Stephanie Mills at Tri-County Electric Cooperative. Email: smills@tricityelectric.org 660-457-3733 ext 233.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Phone Number/Email Address: _____



1. List any extracurricular activities (teams, clubs, organizations, etc.) you participate in:

2. In what ways, do you spend your free time?

3. What are you education/career plans after high school?

4. What is one thing you would do to improve your community?

5. Why did you enter this contest?

