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2024 Youth Tour Application Information

Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc, (REC) invites high school juniors to apply for the Youth Tour at the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. Students will be joined with other students from electric cooperatives in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. These students will travel to the nation's capital where they will meet high school juniors from across the country.

The Youth Tour offers students an opportunity to tour the nation's capital and surrounding sites. On the tour, students learn about cooperatives and explore the sites of Washington DC to learn about American history. Students will also meet congressional leaders, spend a day on Capitol Hill and connect with other students. All travel expenses are paid by Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative. Youth Tour delegates will be eligible for special scholarship opportunities and can compete with other candidates from Pennsylvania cooperatives for a chance to represent the state on the Youth Leadership Council at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Annual Meeting.

Youth Tour: June 16-21, 2024

Applicants <u>must</u> complete and return the below documents to the Tri-County Rural Electric Office or emailed to <u>michaelh@ctenterprises.org</u> by 4:00 pm on January 31, 2024, to become a qualifying applicant. If mailed, must be postmarked by January 31, 2024.

- 1. Complete the Youth Tour Application Form
- 2. Complete the Youth Tour Essay- one-page typed essay on an important issue facing our nation that you are interested in.

Note: Applicants must be a high school junior. Tri-County REC accepts applicants from member and non-member households from public, private and home school programs within the Tri-County REC area. If selected, additional information, Parent/Legal Guardian permission forms, and consent forms will be required to be completed prior to the trip along with a photograph to be published in the *Penn Lines* magazine and social media sites. An orientation meeting will be scheduled prior to the trip to review timelines and travel information. The Youth Tour has a high paced agenda. If you need special considerations and/or accommodations, please let us know.

Submit applications by mail or may be delivered in person: Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc c/o Member Services Department 2448 Charleston Road, PO Box 526 Mansfield, PA 16933

Applications may also be emailed to: michaelh@ctenterprises.org.

If you have any questions, please contact: Michael Hanawalt by email at <u>michaelh@ctenterprises.org</u> or by phone at 570-463-4468.