



Welcome to **YOUTH TOUR!**

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CONTEST ENTRY
DEADLINE:

Friday, Feb. 20

D.C. Trip Dates:

June 14-20, 2026

This **amazing opportunity** offers local youth leaders a chance to win an **all-expense paid trip** to our nation's capital for six days. Over **100 youth leaders from across Missouri** come together to take on **Washington, D.C.**

Once there participants meet up with delegates from 42 states (approximately 1,500 young people) all touring during the same week in D.C. Our Missouri delegation visits all the sights D.C. has to offer while also **making friends and lots of great memories!**

Youth Tour is sponsored by electric cooperatives across the country, with **3 local delegates** participating through **Callaway Electric Cooperative** in Fulton, MO.

Eligibility

The Callaway Electric Cooperative Youth Tour Essay Contest is open to all high school juniors living in and/or attending school within Callaway Electric Cooperative's service area. A Callaway Electric membership is not required for entry. Children or grandchildren of Callaway Electric employees or directors are ineligible.

Application/Contest Process

Interested students are invited to submit a completed application as explained in the next few pages. Applications will be reviewed by three judges with backgrounds in rural electric cooperatives. Six top ranking students will be invited to the cooperative to compete in a final competition held at Callaway Electric in March. Final scores will be based on the original application, a written test and an interview with a panel of three judges. All finalists are winners. The top three win an all expense paid trip to D.C. in June, 2026 and the remaining three receive a \$500 non-renewable scholarship toward their secondary education.

Questions? Contact us!

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Callaway Electric Cooperative Application Form

2026 Youth Tour Contest

Name: _____ Birth Date _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Student Phone: _____ Parent/Gaurdian Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Names: _____

Are you employed? Y / N If yes, where? _____

High School GPA _____

I certify that the above information is true, complete and accurate. I authorize release of information to confirm and/or verify this application. I am a high school junior and I am not a son or daughter, grand-son or granddaughter of any Callaway Electric employee or director.

Student Signature & Date

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date

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Mail, hand deliver, email or upload to Google Drive or Dropbox at:
Callaway Electric Cooperative, 1313 Cooperative Drive, PO Box 250, Fulton, MO 65251
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List community service activities and organizations you have participated in outside of school.:

List the clubs/organizations and activities you have participated in during your high school career (class officer, club membership, athletics, music, theatre, etc).:

List any achievements or awards received.:

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Describe an achievement of which you are most proud:

Describe a time where you had an opportunity to lead a group or project and explain what you feel made you a good leader:

Please attach the following to your application:

A letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach or youth organization leader.