

2026 Youth Tour Application and Permission Forms

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Dates for 2026's trip are: **June 14-20** (orientation the evening of June 15 in Des Moines)

NOTE: Applicants must be a high school **sophomore or junior**. Winners may be invited to speak and/or craft an exhibit, such as a table-top display to share and show others of their experience in D.C. These events would occur in the following year of the tour and could be ECI REC's Annual Meeting of Members or ECI's Day at the Fair (for example).

There are three items (forms) to be completed prior to becoming a qualifying applicant:

1. Complete the Youth Tour Application Form (document #CS-0032);
2. Complete the Youth Tour Essay Questionnaire (document #CS-0031);
3. Complete the Parent/Legal Guardian Permission Form (page 4 of Youth Tour Application).

For your convenience these forms can be completed and submitted electronically. Simply go to ecirec.coop and click on the "Apply Now" graphic located in the lower left of ECI REC's home page.

Part I – Student Information

How did you learn about the Youth Tour program? _____ (counselor, poster, bill insert, newsletter, parent, friend, newspaper, etc.)

Name _____ **Phone** (____) _____

Email Address _____

Address _____

How do you wish to be contacted? ☐ Phone ☐ Text ☐ Email ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Other _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Names _____

See page 4 for the required Parent/Legal Guardian Permission Form.

Student Education:

Grade Level 2025-2026 _____ School Name _____

List the activities you have participated in and any special honors you have received during your high school attendance (i.e. class officer, music, athletics, school newspaper, yearbook, etc.) **(If you need additional space, please attach another sheet)**

Student Extra Curricular Activities:

List extracurricular activities and year(s) of involvement (i.e. 4-H, FFA, church, community and service clubs). **(If you need additional space, please attach another sheet)**

Part II – Essay Questionnaire *(document # CS-0031)*

Please complete the attached 2026 Youth Tour Essay Questionnaire. This is a separate document and can also be completed and submitted electronically. Simply go to ecirec.coop and click on the “**Apply Now**” graphic located in the lower left of the ECI REC’s home page.

CHECK LIST:

- ✓ ALL THREE items (forms) outlined on page 1 of the Youth Tour Application must be completed prior to becoming a qualifying applicant and submitted to **ECI REC’s office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 no exceptions.**
- ✓ **Please include a hard copy or digital (JPG, PDF, etc.) image of a CURRENT PHOTO of yourself that may be used in the newspapers and other printed materials.** Pictures of the winners will be published in ECI REC’s *Heartland Link* newsletter, web and social media sites.

RETURN TO:

East-Central Iowa REC
PO Box 248 – 2400 Bing Miller Lane
Urbana, Iowa 52345
Email: iowayouthtour@ecirec.coop

Resource List

For East-Central Iowa REC

Web Sites:

www.iowarec.org (Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives)

- www.iowarec.org/youth-tour

www.nreca.org (National Rural Electric Cooperative Association)

- www.electric.coop/our-organization/youth-programs

www.touchstoneenergy.com (National branding initiative for electric cooperatives)

<http://www.iowainstitute.coop> (Iowa Institute for Cooperatives)

www.ecirec.coop

www.cipco.net

www.safeelectricity.org

www.iowaonecall.com

[Iowa Energy Center](#)

www.facebook.com/IowaYouthTour

www.twitter.com/IowaYouthTour

www.instagram.com/iowayouthtour

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Part III – Parent or Legal Guardian Permission Form

NOTE: The applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a current member of East-Central Iowa REC.

I / We hereby give _____ permission to submit his/her name as a candidate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour Contest, and if selected as winner to give him/her permission to travel as required.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____
(If submitting by email, please type legal name in place of signature above.)

Emergency Phone Number (Cell Phone) _____

Date _____

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