2019 D.C. WINNERS

Connor Wilson, Houston HS Caden Davis, Plato HS Adrian Fleetwood, Cabool HS Katrina Parks, Salem HS Patrick Hawkins, Summersville HS Sam Lavely, Licking HS Gwendolynn Kincaid, Mtn. Grove HS Michelle Doyle, St. James HS

2019 CYCLE WINNERS

Bailie Joyner, Licking HS Hannah Tillery, Licking HS Miya Carroll, Mtn. Grove HS Isabel Phillips, *Plato HS* Nickolas Stark, Summersville HS



Washington, D.C.



GENERAL INFO

This contest is for high school iuniors in the Intercounty Electric service area. Three winners are selected from each participating high school.

- Cabool HS
- · Houston HS
- · Licking HS
- Plato HS
- · Rolla HS
- · Salem HS
- · St. James HS
- Summersville HS
- . Mtn. Grove HS

PRIZES!

FIRST PLACE WINNER from each school receives an all-expenses paid trip to: Washington, D.C. — June 19-25, 2020

RUNNERS UP from each school receive an all-expenses paid trip to participate in the Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience (CYCLE) at: Jefferson City, MO — July 15-17, 2020

HOW TO ENTER

Write a 250-500 word essay.

Please list your name, parents' names, address, phone numbers, t-shirt size and email address on a separate sheet. This contact information will be used by the cooperative to communicate trip details.

ESSAY TOPIC



What job would you like to have at an electric cooperative and why?

TOP THREE SELECTION

The essays will be judged by a panel of judges selected by the instructor or other school administration.

The deadline for submitting the top three essays to IECA is Friday, March 6th. In order to have the essays judged and the top three submitted by that date, your instructor has set your deadline as

FINAL JUDGING

The three finalists from each school along with their parents and instructors are invited to the final judging on Saturday, March 28, 2020. Judging will be held at the Intercounty Auditorium in Licking.

Three judges will interview each student and select a first place winner for each school based upon responses to questions relating to rural electric cooperatives.

Ouestions and answers used in the final judging are furnished to the top three students at each school. Six questions from the Q & A booklet are selected by the judges for each student to answer.

Each question is worth five points for a total potential score of 30. Other points will be assigned as follows: personality 20, speaking ability 15, poise 10, presenting information beyond the scope of the question 10 and appearance 15. A minimum score of 75 is required to win the trip to Washington, D.C.

Judging will take approximately 15 minutes for each contestant. The order of finish will be posted shortly after each high school group has been judged.

FIND OUT MORE



Visit Intercounty Electric's website to find out more about the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour Essay Contest.

The Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives has more information and several short videos about the contest and trip.



Still Have Ouestions?

Contact Intercounty Electric's member services department at 866-621-3679 with your additional Youth Tour questions. More information is available online at www.ieca.coop and www.amec.org.

Contestants must be single, at least 16 years old by June 1, 2020 and be a member of the junior class. Immediate family members of employees and board members of IECA are ineligible to enter the contest.

First Place: Washington, D.C.

Student will meet up with approximately 100 other students from Missouri and travel by commercial airline to Washington, D.C. for a week of sightseeing, learning and fun June 19-25, 2020. The night before leaving for D.C., all the Missouri delegates attend an evening banquet in Columbia. Parents are welcome to attend the banquet.

While in D.C., you're likely to visit:

- Capitol
- Supreme Court
- Library of Congress
- National Archives • The White House
- Mount Vernon
- National Spy Museum
- Kennedy Center
- Ford's Theatre
- FDR & MLK Memorials
- Iwo Jima Memorial
- Washington Cathedral
- Smithsonian Museums
- · Lincoln Memorial
- · Jefferson Memorial
- · Washington Monument
- · Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- World War II Memorial
- Union Station
- American Museum of Art
- · Vietnam War Memorial

There has also been a cruise on the Potomac, a banquet/dance, meetings with Congressmen and women and a trip to a Kennedy Center.



Runners up will join other essay winners from across the state at the Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience (CYCLE) in Jefferson City on July 15-17, 2020. The CYCLE program shows students more about electric cooperatives, teaches leadership skills and allows experiences in the Missouri state government. The program includes nationally known speakers and a day at the state Capitol. There is also time for some fun things like an outdoor barbeque and a hypnosis event.

CYCLE participants experience exclusive tours of Missouri's Supreme Court and Capitol buildings. The delegates are given a rare hands on experience of a lifetime, as they get to become the General Assembly in the Senate and House of Representatives Chamber.

