

2023 WINNERS

Youth Tour Winners

Gracie Trask *Cabool*
Miah Bressie, *Houston*
Finley Sullins, *Licking*
Eric Pinson, *Mtn Grove*
Jayanna Draper, *Plato*
Hossein Libre, *Rolla*
Paige French, *St James*
Ellyssa Denton, *Summersville*

CYCLE Winners

Brianna Stark, *Cabool*
Lilly Scheliga, *Houston*
Emalee Breeden, *Licking*
Andrew Hill, *Mtn Grove*
Madison Froehlich & Isabel Day, *Plato*
Ashlyn Henson, *Rolla*
Erica Kinhead & Dionna Lynch, *St James*
Madyson Day, *Summersville*



2024 Youth Tour

Washington, D.C.

**Juniors, you could tour the
nation's capital for a week
with other teenagers just
like you...for FREE!**



**Intercounty Electric
Cooperative Association**

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative





GENERAL INFO

This contest is for high school juniors 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 14-20, 2024**

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 16-19, 2024**

HOW TO ENTER

Write a 250-500 word essay.

Please list your name, parents' names, address, phone numbers, and email address on a separate sheet. This contact information will be used by the cooperative to communicate trip details.

ESSAY TOPIC

Who is one of your role models and why are they important to you?

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 March 1st. 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 23, 2024. 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.

Questions 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 Questions?

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.moyouthtour.com.

Contestants must be single, at least 16 years old by June 1, 2024 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 14-20, 2024. The night before leaving for D.C., all the Missouri delegates attend an banquet in Columbia. Parents are welcome to attend. IECA provides transportation for students.

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
- Ford's Theatre
- FDR & MLK Memorials
- Iwo Jima Memorial
- Washington Cathedral
- Smithsonian Museums
- Lincoln Memorial
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Jefferson Memorial
- Washington Monument
- 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: Jefferson City, MO

Runners up will join other essay winners from across the state at the Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience (CYCLE) in Jefferson City on July 16-19, 2024. 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, a hypnosis event and a day tour of St. Louis.

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.



CYCLE



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