

Compete for an All-Inclusive Experience in the Nation's Capital

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS! The National Rural Electric Youth Tour is approaching and offers an incredible opportunity for up to four lucky students whose parents or legal guardians are Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) members. Get ready to embark on a weeklong trip to our nation's capital!

If you know a high school junior who loves sightseeing, history, politics and making new friends, the Youth Tour could be the experience of a lifetime for them.

During the 2025 Rural Electric Youth Tour, selected students will join peers from across the country to explore Washington, D.C., for six exciting days. This adventure is a perfect blend of fun and education.

From June 16-21, participants will have a chance to:

- ▶ Discover the historic sites of Washington, D.C.
- ▶ Visit world-famous museums
- ▶ Learn about electric cooperatives and the cooperative movement
- ▶ Make lifelong friends

In addition to this incredible experience, students selected for Youth Tour may also be eligible for special scholarship opportunities.

To apply for Youth Tour, here's what you need to know:

- ▶ Youth Tour is open to any high school junior (2024-25 school year) with parents or legal guardians who are Claverack REC members. The cooperative will select and sponsor up to four students.
- ▶ Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10.
- ▶ Finalists will be chosen by Claverack REC based on their submitted application and video.
- ▶ One of the four selected students may be chosen as Claverack's Youth Leadership Council (YLC) candidate. The YLC candidate will compete with others to be Pennsylvania's YLC representative. More details can be found in the online application. All decisions are final.
- ▶ Claverack REC will notify applicants of the selection results by mail Thursday, Feb. 13.

To apply for Youth Tour, please complete the application at claverack.com/youth-tour.

Remember to attach a high-resolution 4-by-6 or 5-by-7-inch school photo (in .jpg format) or a scanned photo with a resolution of 300 dpi or higher.

Additionally, all applicants must create a 3- to 5-minute video that includes:

- ▶ Introduction of yourself and what cooperative you are from
- ▶ Highlights of your extracurricular activities in high school



High school juniors representing Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative visit the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., during the 2024 Rural Electric Youth Tour. Shown, from left, are: Ryan Jones, Northeast Bradford Jr./Sr. High School; Laina Beebe, Wyalusing Valley Jr./Sr. High School and Marisa Wise, Achievement House Cyber Charter School.

- ▶ Description of your non-school activities, such as work, hobbies or community service
- ▶ Discussion of your plans after high school graduation
- ▶ Answer to the question: "If you could have lunch with anyone — dead, alive, or fictional — who would it be and why?"

Please remember to include the link to your video as instructed in the application.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to Karen Evangelisti at karene@ctenterprises.org or 570-268-1332.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to compete for an all-inclusive experience in the nation's capital with the Rural Electric Youth Tour! Start your application and video planning now! 📸