

YOUTH TOUR

TEENS: Head to D.C. for FREE!

Dakota Energy will once again sponsor a high school junior or senior on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Each June, over 1,800 high school juniors and seniors travel to Washington, D.C., to participate in the Rural Electric Youth Tour. Throughout the week, participants will explore about Washington, D.C., learning about government, cooperative philosophy and rural electrification. The students are selected and sponsored by their local rural electric cooperatives with the South Dakota Rural Electric Association (SDREA) coordinating the trip for South Dakota students.

Tour highlights include the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, U.S. Capitol, Ford's Theatre, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Iwo Jima Statue, National Archives, U.S Supreme Court, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial among other exciting sites. Students will also participate in a briefing with the South Dakota Congressional Delegation and a river boat cruise across the Potomac River.

All area high school juniors and seniors who live in Beadle, Hand or Hyde County of South Dakota. They do not need to be cooperative members to apply.

Visit www.dakotaenergy.coop/your_community/youth_tour or call 605-352-8591 to learn more. Application deadline will be accepted until December 13, 2024.



2025 YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION

Students should submit this application by Dec. 13, 2024, to be considered for the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour. Applicants must be high school junior or senior during the 2024-2025 school year who reside in Beadle, Hand or Hyde County of South Dakota. The trip takes place June 15-21, 2025. Dakota Energy will notify students if they are selected by Dec. 31, 2024.

Name: _____

Student's Cell Phone Number: _____ Student's Email: _____

Parent/Guardian's Names: _____

Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone Number: _____ Parent's Email: _____

School: _____ Year in School: _____

Student Essay: Why is it important to be involved in your community and how does it prepare you to be a future leader? Attach your original 500 word essay. Essays should not be generated using any form of artificial intelligence and should be the student's original writing. Send the essay with this application to dakotaenergy@dakotaenergy.coop to mail to Dakota Energy Cooperative, PO Box 830, Huron, SD 57350.