



## 2010 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour Contest Rules

Two juniors from IEC's service area will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. as winners of the Youth Tour Contest.

1. Students must currently be classified as high school juniors attending a school in IEC's service area. It is not necessary that the student's parents be members of Indian Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2. Contestants will be required to write an essay of 500 - 1000 words in length on the topic: "**Red, White and Green – Why Do Electric Cooperatives Support Energy Efficiency in America?**" The essay must include an explanation of what an electric cooperative is.
3. Essays must be typed and double spaced on only one side of the paper. Each page should be numbered in the top right corner.
4. Attach a completed entry form to your essay. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY!** All judging is done on an anonymous basis.
5. IEC supplies complete contest rules, entry forms and reference materials, including the IEC History, on our website, [www.iecok.com](http://www.iecok.com), click on Community Service, Youth Programs and encourages students to seek other sources of information, including libraries, relatives, magazines, Internet, [www.takecontrolandsave.coop](http://www.takecontrolandsave.coop), etc.
6. Essays will be judged on the basis of (1) knowledge of subject - 40%; (2) originality - 30%; (3) composition - 15%; (4) grammar, Spelling & Punctuation - 15%.
7. Deadline for all essays is **Noon on Tuesday February 9, 2010**. Be sure to keep a copy of your essay for your use should you be selected as a finalist.
8. Four finalists will be selected to give oral presentations of their essays during the Youth Tour banquet in the spring. Judges will award the Washington D.C. trip to the two highest scoring finalists following the oral presentations. Runners-Up win a trip to Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Washington D.C. Youth Tour winners are eligible to win three additional trips by competing in the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Interviews.
9. Decisions of the judges are final.
10. Children of IEC employees and IEC Trustees are **NOT** eligible to participate in the Youth Tour competition.

**Dates for the 2010 Youth Tour are June 11-17, 2010.**

**Dates for the 2009 Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp are July 10-16, 2010.**

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