



## 2021 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour Contest Rules

### Teachers receive financial recognition for top 4 finalists of Washington, D.C. Youth Tour competition.

Two juniors from IEC's service area will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. as winners of the Youth Tour Contest. Two Runners-Up receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp, near Steamboat Springs, CO.

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 and present an essay of 500 - 1000 words in length promoting the topic: **"What is an Electric Cooperative? The Mission, the Members and More."**
3. **Essays must site references.** Essays are to be typed, double-spaced and one-sided. Pages are to 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 entry form, complete contest rules, and reference materials, including the IEC History, on our website, [www.iecok.com](http://www.iecok.com). Click on Washington, D.C Youth Tour. IEC encourages students to seek other sources of information on the Internet.
6. Entries will be judged: (1) knowledge of subject - 40%; (2) originality - 30%; (3) composition - 15%; (4) grammar, Spelling & Punctuation - 15%.
7. Deadline for all entries is **Noon on Monday, January 11, 2021.** Be sure to keep a copy of your entry for your use should you be selected as a finalist.
8. **Four finalists will be selected to give an oral presentation of their entries during the Youth Tour banquet in February.** Judges will award the Washington D.C. trip to the two highest scoring finalists following the oral presentations. Runners-Up win a trip to Colorado Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp near Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Washington D.C. Youth Tour winners are eligible to win a free trip back to Washington DC in July as the OK Youth Leadership Council (YLC) representative. All Youth Leadership Council (YLC) Interviews are held the day before leaving on Youth Tour to DC in June, during the junior year. YLC is a leadership conference and tour of additional sites in Washington D.C. YLC is also the competition to select the National YLC Representative. The state and national YLC Representative distinction is an honor. It enhances your resume and may open doors in your future. The Oklahoma YLC representative has one (1) speaking engagement during their senior year at the OK Association of Electric Cooperatives annual meeting in OKC. The National YLC Representative has one (1) additional speaking engagement at the National Association of Electric Cooperatives meeting. The location and date of the national meeting is announced in Washington, D.C. during the July YLC conference.

Youth Tour Runners-Up are eligible to win a free trip back to Colorado Leadership Camp following the senior year of high school as a camp ambassador. Ambassador applications are submitted at the Colorado Camp in July.

9. Decisions of the judges are final.
10. Children of IEC employees and IEC Trustees are eligible to participate in the Youth Tour competition.

Dates for the 2021 Youth Tour: June 14-21, 2021. Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp: July 15-23, 2021.