



**Nobles Cooperative
Electric**

Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



2024 Youth Tour Contest Information Packet



Selection procedures for 2024 Youth Tour Contest

Sponsored by Nobles Cooperative Electric, Worthington, MN

- Awards:**
1. 1st Place: Washington Youth Tour
 2. 2nd Place: First alternate and \$150
 3. 3rd Place: Second alternate and \$100
 4. \$500 Scholarship winner
 4. First 15 applicants receive a \$20 gift certificate to Amazon.com.

Eligibility:

The contest is open to any current high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors attending school in Nobles' service area. Visit the website: <https://www.mrea.org/programs-1/>.

Contest:

1. Contestant writes a 300-word essay (no more than two pages double-spaced) on a topic determined by the cooperative. This year's topic: What are the benefits of the cooperative business model?
2. Complete the attached application.
3. Submit completed essay and application form by **February 28, 2024** to:
Nobles Cooperative Electric
Attn: Tracey Haberman
P.O. Box 788, 22636 U.S. Hwy. 59
Worthington, MN 56187-0788
4. A judging committee will select five finalists from the essays submitted.
5. Five finalists will be interviewed (15 minutes per finalist) in mid-March.
6. For further information on the Youth Tour Contest please contact: Tracey Haberman at Nobles Cooperative Electric. Work Phone: 507-372-7331. E-mail: thaberman@noblesce.com.

2024 Youth Tour

Some of the highlights of the trip:

- **Tour the monuments:** Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Franklin Delano Roosevelt memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean Veterans Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, etc...
- **Tour historic sights:** Washington National Cathedral, Supreme Court, Library of Congress, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Memorial Museum, FBI Headquarters Tour, Mount Vernon, etc.
- **Attend special events:** Moonlight cruise & dance on the Potomac River, U.S. Army Precision Drill Team, all-states dinner & dance, etc.
- **Interact with:** 1,900 teenagers from across the U.S. sponsored by rural electric cooperatives, meet with your Members of Congress and make new lifelong friends.
- **Go places:** interview to be the Minnesota representative on the Youth Leadership Council. If selected, you will travel back to D.C. next year as an assistant to Youth Tour, to the National Rural Electric Convention and the leadership training seminar in Lincoln, Nebraska.
- **These resources** you may find beneficial: Nobles Cooperative Electric (www.noblesce.coop), National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (www.nreca.org), Our Energy, Our Future (www.ourenergy.coop), and Together We Save (www.togetherwesave.com)

Places and events are subject to change depending on scheduling.

Application Form for NOBLES COOPERTIVE ELECTRIC'S 2024 Youth Tour Contest

(If more space is needed, attach on a separate page.)

PART I. GENERAL

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

AGE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' NAMES: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PART II. SCHOOL RELATED

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL: _____

CURRENT GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____ FRESHMAN _____ SOPHOMORE _____ JUNIOR _____ SENIOR

FAVORITE SCHOOL SUBJECTS: _____

CAREER GOAL: _____

List activities that you have participated in and any special honors you have received during your high school attendance such as, class officer, plays, music, athletics, etc.:

| ACTIVITY | YEARS | REMARKS |
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PART III. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List extra-curricular activities and years of involvement in which you have participated, such as 4-H, FHA, FFA, church, community and service clubs:

| ACTIVITY | YEARS | REMARKS |
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PLEASE LIST ANY PUBLIC SPEAKING EXPERIENCE:

PLEASE LIST ANY WRITING EXPERIENCE SUCH AS SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, YEARBOOK, ETC.:

EXPLAIN HOW YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED OR CAN CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITY MORE EFFECTIVELY:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THOSE MAKING SELECTIONS:

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE YOUTH TOUR?

IV. PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

TO: NOBLES COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC, WORTHINGTON:

I/We hereby give _____ permission to submit his/her name as a candidate for selection to the Washington Youth Tour; if selected, I give him/her permission to travel as required.

Signature _____ Date _____

Due by February 28, 2024. Mail or drop off at:

NOBLES COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC
ATTN: TRACEY HABERMAN
PO BOX 788
22636 U.S. HWY. 59
WORTHINGTON, MN 56187-0788