

2027 MONTANA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

YOUTH TOUR



WHAT IS IT?

A free opportunity for current high school sophomores and juniors to travel to our nation's capital to learn more about our history, the impact of electric cooperatives, tour national monuments and meet with elected representatives.

HISTORY

- **1957** - Senator Lyndon B. Johnson told NRECA members to send youth to Washington, D.C., to learn.
- **1958** - An Iowa co-op sent 34 students on a weeklong trip to D.C.
- **1959** - 130 students from multiple states joined the tour.
- **1964** - NRECA helped coordinate the first official Youth Tour Week with 400 students from 12 states.

YOUTH TOUR TODAY

More than 1,800 students travel from across the country to join a week-long experience with visits to the Capitol, meetings with U.S. senators and representatives, tours of federal agencies and unforgettable sights. Since its start, nearly 100,000 students from small towns and rural areas have taken part. Some alumni have become Capitol Hill staffers, CEOs, engineers and even senators.

TRIP DATES

JUNE 17-24, 2027

WHY APPLY?

Youth Tour BUILDS: Your resume. Your network. Your future. Join a group of driven student leaders from across the country and gain experiences that set you apart on applications, in interviews and beyond. Plus, experience a week full of firsts in our nation's capital, from first flights to first visits with elected officials. Plus, it's free!

This isn't just a trip — it's your next big move.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact your local electric co-op to see how to apply today! You can learn more at www.mtco-ops.com/our-services/youth-tour/