



2027 Washington Youth Tour Application

Next summer, a chosen group of our local students will have the chance to take part in an FREE trip to our nation's capital, courtesy of Salt River Electric, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association!

The 2027 Washington Youth Tour will take place June 17-22, 2027. The trip will be awarded to a select number of local high school juniors from Salt River Electric's service area.

Over the course of a week, these deserving students will visit with Kentucky's congressional delegation, see attractions such as the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, Monticello, the U.S. Capitol, and learn more about the importance of electric co-ops.

Applications are being accepted now through **December 18th, 2026**

Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a current junior in high school.
2. An applicant's parent or guardian must be a member of and receive electric service at their main residence from Salt River Electric.
3. Applicant must also submit an unofficial copy of their most recent school transcript.
4. Letters of recommendation are not required, but may be submitted.
5. Applicants must successfully complete this initial application, in addition to writing a 500-word essay on a provided topic. If necessary, an initial round of selections will be made once the deadline has passed, with those applicants being contacted for an in-person interview.

Applications can be completed online at srelectric.com/youthtour, or can be printed and dropped off at any Salt River Electric location to the attention of Zachary Epperson.

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Applicant Information

Name _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____
Permanent Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Personal Email Address _____ Cell Ph. _____
Your Parent/Guardian's Salt River Electric Account Number: # _____
Name of Father/Step Father/Legal Guardian _____
Name of Mother/Step Mother/Legal Guardian _____
Name of parents/guardians you currently live with _____
High school you attend _____

At this time, do you have any plans to attend college or another form of postsecondary education? Yes / No

Who is your congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives? _____

If applicable, please list all extracurricular activities you participate in

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Essay Topics

Applicants for the Washington Youth Tour must complete a 500-word essay on one of the following prompts:

- *Recall a time when you were in a leadership role, whether at school, a group, or in your community. How did you work to make a difference?*
- *Salt River Electric was founded to provide reliable electricity to rural communities. Explain how having reliable electricity affects your daily life, and how our lives would be changed without it?*
- *Member engagement is crucial for a cooperative. How do you believe electric co-ops can better engage with newer (and younger) generations of members?*