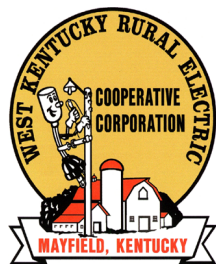




**2023  
Youth Tour  
Washington, D.C.**  
JUNE 12-17

- Make friends for life
- Leadership lessons in action
- Tour the state Capitol
- All-expense-paid, weeklong trip to D.C.

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## 2023 Washington Youth Tour

### Rules for Application Application Form

**WEST KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**  
P. O. Box 589, Mayfield, KY 42066

## WEST KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

### 2023 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR PROGRAM

Two deserving high school juniors from the West Kentucky RECC service area will be awarded an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. on **June 12-17, 2023** as participants in the Washington Youth Tour Program sponsored jointly by West Kentucky RECC and the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives. West Kentucky RECC has sponsored the Washington Youth Tour Program for 24 years.

Youth Tour winners will spend a week along with many other Kentucky youth touring Monticello, the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, National Cathedral, Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol, and the White House and will visit with Kentucky's congressional delegation.

To be eligible, students must be between their junior and senior years in high school and no older than 18 at the time of the trip. Students' parent or guardian must be a member of West Kentucky RECC and receive electric service at their principle place of residence from West Kentucky RECC. In addition, each Youth Tour participant must complete an application form, receive a favorable report from their guidance counselor and a high school teacher, be involved in school and community activities, complete an essay and agree to abide by the terms and conditions as specified by West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation.

If you are interested in applying for West Kentucky RECC's Washington Youth Tour, **fill out the attached application form and mail it to Jodie Hansen, West Kentucky RECC, P.O. Box 589, Mayfield, Kentucky, 42066. All materials must be submitted by Jan. 31, 2023.**

If you have additional questions, you may call West Kentucky RECC's office at (270) 247-1321 or 877-495-7322 (toll-free) and ask for Jodie Hansen.

**WEST KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION  
2023 YOUTH TOUR PROGRAM - RULES FOR PARTICIPATION**

1. Students who are currently juniors in high school, and whose parent(s) or guardian is a member of and receives electric service from West Kentucky RECC at their primary place of residence are eligible to apply. Children of West Kentucky RECC employees and directors are not eligible.
2. Participants must be between their junior and senior years in high school (at the time of the trip) and no older than 18 at the time of the trip.
3. West Kentucky RECC will sponsor two students to the 2023 Washington Youth Tour.
4. Eligible students must receive a written favorable recommendation from their guidance counselor and a high school teacher. (See attached form.)
5. **YOUTH TOUR AWARD:** Two winners will receive an expense-paid, week-long trip to our Nation's Capital as members of the Washington Youth Tour. The 2023 Washington Youth Tour is scheduled for **June 12-17, 2023**.
6. Each participant must submit:
  - Completed West Kentucky RECC WYT Application Form
  - Recent photo
  - Guidance counselor written recommendation
  - High school teacher written recommendation
  - Typewritten 500-word essay on the following topic:  
***"What makes you a good candidate to represent WKRECC on the 2023 Youth Tour and what do you expect to gain from your Washington, D.C. experience?"***
6. All materials must be submitted to Jodie Hansen at West Kentucky RECC, P. O. Box 589, Mayfield, KY 42066, by **January 31, 2023**. This information will become the property of West Kentucky and will not be returned.
6. Essays will be judged on the basis of originality, composition, grammar and neatness.
7. The winners will be recognized at the Cooperative's Annual Meeting in 2023.
9. For clarification, West Kentucky RECC defines an eligible student as:
  - A) a student who, in all probability, will be promoted at the completion of this academic year
  - B) who has established as excellent academic record in high school
  - C) has been actively involved in extracurricular activities
  - D) has demonstrated leadership abilities through community activities
  - E) has, in the view of school officials, the inclination to be a serious, enthusiastic and well-behaved youth tour participant.

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**2023 RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR  
APPLICATION FORM**

**Note: This is a four-page Application Form - all sections must be completed.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian - List names of your natural parents, step-parents and/or legal guardians:

Father: _____	Phone: _____
Mother: _____	Phone: _____
Step-Father: _____	Phone: _____
Step-Mother: _____	Phone: _____
Legal Guardian(s): _____	Phone: _____

With Whom Do You Live? \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of Principle Residence: \_\_\_\_\_  
West Kentucky RECC account number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on your West KY RECC account: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. School and class activities - (include offices held, if any):**

**2. Extracurricular activities - (include offices held, if any):**

**3. Plans for future education:**

**4. Hobbies and special interest:**

**5. Additional information - optional**

**WEST KENTUCKY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION**  
**2023 Rural Electric Youth Tour Application**

**Student Applicant Participation Commitment**

I hereby certify that I wish to participate in West Kentucky RECC's 2023 Washington Youth Tour Program and that the information provided in this Application Form is true and correct:

Signature of Student Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Parent Permission**

I hereby grant my permission for the above applicant to enter West Kentucky RECC's 2023 Washington Youth Tour competition and that he/she meets the Cooperative's eligibility requirements for participation. In addition, I certify that I'm a member of West Kentucky RECC, that my principle residence is served by the Cooperative and that the applicant is a member of my immediate household. My West Kentucky RECC customer account number is \_\_\_\_\_.

Please note, participating students will need a negative COVID test two days prior to leaving for Washington, D.C. Temperatures will be taken each morning. COVID tests will be available for those students who feel sick. COVID quarantine hotel rooms will be available and there will be nurses on staff.

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit All Requested Material by January 31, 2023 to:**

Jodie Hansen, West Kentucky RECC, P O Box 589 Mayfield, KY 42066

1. Application Form completed/signed by the participating student and parent.
2. Typewritten 500-word essay completed by the student on the following topic:  
***"What makes you a good candidate to represent WKRECC on the 2023 Youth Tour and what do you expect to gain from your Washington, D.C. experience?"***
3. Reference Form completed by guidance counselor.
4. Reference Form completed by a high school teacher.
5. Recent photo of applicant (will not be returned).

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**2023 WASHINGTON YOUTH TOUR  
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR REFERENCE FORM**

My records indicate \_\_\_\_\_, a ***junior*** at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ High School, is in good academic standing and is eligible  
to enter West Kentucky RECC's 2023 Washington Youth Tour competition.

In my judgment this student will conduct himself/herself in a manner that will reflect  
credit upon our school, West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and the  
State of Kentucky as a participant in the Rural Electric Youth Tour.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guidance Counselor

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**2023 RURAL ELECTRIC YOUTH TOUR  
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER REFERENCE FORM**

My records indicate \_\_\_\_\_, a ***junior*** at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ High School, is in good academic standing and is eligible to  
enter West Kentucky RECC's 2023 Washington Youth Tour competition.

In my judgment this student will conduct himself/herself in a manner that will reflect  
credit upon our school, West Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation and the  
State of Kentucky as a participant in the Rural Electric Youth Tour.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher