2025 Washington D.C. Youth Tour
Applicant Information Form

Sponsored annually by

People's Energy Cooperative
Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

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

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ PEC Account #: _____

PART II. SCHOOL INFORMATION

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL: _____

CURRENT GRADE LEVEL: JUNIOR ☐ *or* SENIOR ☐ CURRENT GPA: _____

PART III. ACADEMICS & ACTIVITIES

List all activities that you have participated in and any special honors you have received during your high school career. Activities can include class officer or other leadership positions, participation in plays, extracurricular activities, academics, music, 4-H, athletics, etc.

ACTIVITY YEARS

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WRITING & PUBLIC SPEAKING EXPERIENCE (School newspaper, yearbook, classwork, debate, etc.)

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE 2026 WASHINGTON DC YOUTH TOUR?

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IV. PARENT OR GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

I/We hereby give _____ permission to submit his/her name as a candidate for selection to the 2026 Washington D.C. Youth Tour. If selected, I/we give him/her permission to travel as required. I/we will be held responsible for getting the student to and from the airport and/or orientation location.

Signature_____ Date_____

Completed applications are due by Friday, January 30, 2026.
Applicants can submit their application via email, mail, or office drop-off.

People's Energy Cooperative
ATTN: 2026 Washington D.C. Youth Tour
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Questions?
Please contact Ashley Kincaid at akincaid@peoplesenergy.coop or (507) 367-7054.

Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

June 15-20, 2026

Thank you for your interest in the 2026 Washington D.C. Youth Tour! The Rural Electric Youth Tour brings over 1,900 high school students to Washington, D.C. annually. Nearly 50,000 students from rural areas and small towns all over America have participated over the past 50 years.

To apply for this all-expenses paid trip to our nation's capital, please answer the questions below (you'll find many answers on our website!) and submit your responses along with the completed *Applicant Information* document to memberrelations@peoplesenergy.coop, or by mailing your application to People's Energy Cooperative, Attn: 2026 Washington, D.C. Youth Tour, 1775 Lake Shady Ave. South, Oronoco, MN 55960.

Applications are due Friday, January 30, 2026. People's Energy Cooperative will review the applications, contact students for an informal interview, and notify the winner by the end of February 2026.

2026 Applicant Questions

1. What is an electric cooperative?
2. Which six counties are all of People's Energy Cooperative (PEC) members located in?
3. What are the Seven Cooperative Principles?
4. Who are our Board of Directors and who is currently the President/CEO of People's Energy Cooperative?
5. What is Operation Round Up®?
6. In what year was People's Energy Cooperative founded? What was the original name of the organization?
7. True or False: People's Energy Cooperative is a not–for–profit organization.
8. What are at least two ways PEC lives out the Cooperative Principle of concern for community?
9. Approximately how many member-owners make up People's Energy Cooperative?
10. Why are you interested in attending the 2026 Washington DC Youth Tour?
11. Why do you think it's important to be an informed and engaged citizen?
12. If you are selected, what do you expect to gain from the Youth Tour experience?

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