



Experience the Nation's Capital Like Never Before Apply for the NRECA Washington, DC Youth Tour!

Are you an outstanding high school junior with big dreams and a desire to make a difference? If your household receives electricity from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative, this opportunity is for you! Youth Tour is more than a trip — it's a transformational experience that will empower you to step into the future with confidence.

Picture yourself walking the halls of Congress where decisions that shape our country are made. Envision connecting with like-minded students from across the nation who share your drive for leadership and success. Imagine exclusive behind-the-scenes access to iconic landmarks that most people only see from afar. This isn't your typical family sightseeing trip — it's your chance to stand where leaders have stood and to see yourself as a part of history.

What's waiting for you on this unforgettable journey taking place June 16-20, 2025?

- **Exclusive Access:** Tour the U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian museums, and historic sites like Arlington National Cemetery and the Lincoln Memorial with insider privileges.
- **Leadership Development:** Meet with lawmakers, network with peers, and gain insights into how your voice can create change.
- **All Expenses Paid:** This incredible experience covers your travel, meals, lodging, and activities.
- **Lifelong Connections:** Build friendships with ambitious students from Virginia and beyond. This is your chance to grow your network and open doors to future opportunities.

The NRECA Youth Tour has inspired generations of leaders, and now it's your time to shine. If you're ready to embrace this challenge and represent your community on the national stage, we want to hear your story.



How to Apply

Visit myrec.coop/youthtour to find application details and deadlines. Tell us about your passions, your leadership aspirations, and why you're the perfect candidate for this life-changing experience.

The deadline to apply is January 31, 2025. Don't let this opportunity pass you by — the nation's capital is calling, and it's ready for YOU to take the spotlight.

For more information, contact Brian Wolfe, REC's Senior Public Relations Specialist at community@myrec.coop.

Youth Leadership Council: A Prestigious Opportunity for Tomorrow's Leaders

What is the YLC?

Each year, one outstanding student from Virginia is selected to represent the Commonwealth on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Youth Leadership Council (YLC)—a prestigious program that brings together future leaders from across the nation. During the Youth Tour, you could be the one to carry this honor on behalf of REC and our state!

Why It's a Big Deal

As Virginia's delegate, you'll:

- Attend the 2026 NRECA Annual Meeting, a national gathering of cooperative leaders shaping the future of the energy industry. REC will cover all expenses for this incredible experience.
- Gain hands-on leadership experience, develop exceptional public speaking skills, and deepen your understanding of the cooperative business model and the energy sector.
- Represent Virginia in key roles at the Annual Meeting, such as carrying the state flag during the opening session and assisting NRECA staff with important event operations.

What Sets YLC Apart

The YLC is more than a conference—it's a life-changing opportunity. Participants emerge as confident leaders ready to impact their communities and beyond. You'll form lifelong friendships with other bright, motivated students from across the country, all united by their passion for leadership and service.

A Legacy of Excellence

YLC is the pinnacle of REC's youth programs, offering delegates unparalleled exposure to leadership development and professional growth. REC is proud to offer you the chance to join this esteemed group of young leaders who are paving the way for a brighter future.

How to Be Selected

The Virginia delegate is chosen during the first day of Youth Tour activities. Make your mark, and you could be the one to represent REC and Virginia on the national stage!

This is your chance to take the spotlight, enhance your leadership skills, and connect with an incredible network of future leaders. Will you be the next to carry Virginia's flag?

