



The 2025 Washington Youth Tour Winner for Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative Keith Hengl, in front of the White House with other Youth Tour Students and in front of the United States Capitol building.

Win an All-Expenses-Paid Trip to Washington, D.C.!

Enter the 2026 Washington Youth Tour Essay Contest

Local High School juniors have the chance win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. this summer to participate in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour leadership program.

Two local winners will be among 1,500 high school students chosen from across the nation to tour Washington, D.C., in June, 2026. The lucky winner will learn more about how government works, visit the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill, Mount Vernon, the FDR Memorial, the World War II Memorial and more.

To qualify, a high school junior primary residence in Trinity County must be supplied with electric power through Trinity Public Utilities District.

An application form for the 2026 Washington Youth Tour is located on the reverse of this page and is available at the District office in Weaverville, as well as on its website at www.trinitypud.com

Complete the application and submit a typed or legibly-written essay. The topic for this year's essay is: "Washington Youth Tour students have an opportunity to visit with their congressman or woman. As a member of a Publicly Owned Electric Utility District, write an essay about the concerns and questions you would discuss with your representative. Explain why these are important issues to you."

The essay should be no less than 500 words and no more than 1,000 words.

Essays will be judged on creativity and content (with consideration given to spelling and grammar) by the staff at your local High School.

Applications must be returned to Trinity Public Utilities District by Friday, January 30, 2026.

To learn more about the Washington Youth Tour, please visit www.youthtour.coop.



2026 Washington Youth Tour Application Form

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

Phone Number_____

E-mail Address_____

Trinity PUD Account Number _____

Both Parents' or Legal Guardians' Names _____

Name of High School _____

I certify that this information is true to the best of my knowledge:

Your Signature_____

Parent or Guardian Signature_____

Please attach information to this application regarding your goals, hobbies, activities, awards or other achievements, as well as your typed or legibly written essay. This year's topic is: "Washington Youth Tour students have an opportunity to visit with their congressman or woman. As a member of Publicly Owned Electric Utility District, write an essay about the concerns and questions you would discuss with your representative. Explain why these are important issues to you."

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**Mail (or drop off) the completed application by
Friday, January 30, 2026 to:**

**Trinity Public Utilities District
Attn: Sarah Sheetz
PO Box 1216 or 26 Ponderosa Lane
Weaverville, CA 96093**