

Indiana's 2012 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.



PURPOSE:

The Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. is taken each year to provide young adults with the opportunity to travel to our nation's capital:

- to experience first hand how our government functions,
- to see our nation's rich history and visit famous national monuments,
- to learn about the complexities of today's electric utility industry,
- to discover the unique characteristics of cooperative business enterprise,
- to meet and work with hundreds of their peers from throughout the United States.

TRAVEL DATES & COSTS:

The Youth Tour delegation will meet in Indianapolis on Wednesday, **June 13, 2012**. Return will be at the Indiana Statewide Association of RECs, Inc. headquarters on Thursday, **June 21, 2012**.

All travel expenses to and from Indianapolis to Washington, DC, meals, lodging and scheduled event fees will be paid for by the sponsors of the Youth Tour (in your case **Noble REMC**). Travel to and from Indianapolis and a student's home and incidental expenses incurred by the student will not be covered.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, the following provisions will govern the acceptance of applicants from the local electric cooperatives:

- Applicants must be in their junior year of high school and plan to enroll for their senior year. Home schooled students are eligible to apply.
- Indiana Youth Tour to Washington, DC requires a great deal of physical fitness and stamina, and may not be designed for children who need significant assistance for personal care, require constant one-on-one support or have great difficulty managing their behavior in group settings. If your child has a special health care need, contact your electric co-op for an evaluation of the traveler's care needs. A thorough evaluation will be made by Indiana Statewide Association Youth Tour staff. **Health conditions requiring advance clearance include, but are not limited to: Insulin Dependent Diabetes, Cardiac Situations, Asthmatics, Seizure Disorders, mental illness, Autism Spectrum & Serious Food Allergies.**
- Children of Noble REMC employees and directors are not eligible.
- Applications are due March 1, 2012.

JUDGING:

Selection of a youth tour candidate will be based on his/her application listing their participation and leadership in their school and community. It will also be based on their essay on the importance of community involvement (one-to-two typed pages, double-spaced). Two applicants will be chosen to represent Noble REMC.

**Failure to provide Indiana Statewide Association with a minimum of 45 days cancellation notice could result in a participant's parents or guardian being billed for all or a portion of the trip's expenses.*

Additional Information (list additional information which demonstrates your leadership abilities and academic achievements):

**Tape
student
headshot
here**
*(please do not exceed
size of box)*

I, hereby, ensure that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

(Student signature)

(Date)

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I have read and understand the above statement and assure trip administrators that my son/daughter meets the health requirements as noted and is eligible to participate in Youth Tour to Washington, DC, if selected.

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Date)

Applications are due at Noble REMC no later than March 1, 2012.



Essay:

Noble Rural Electric Membership Cooperative (REMC) is a LOCAL, customer and community-minded business that provides electric energy to nearly 10,000 members in eight northeast Indiana counties. Noble REMC takes a very active role in the communities we serve.

The topic of the essay is:

“Why do you think it's important for companies as well as individuals to be involved in their community?”

Please write a one-to-two page, double-spaced typed essay on the above question.

Please return your completed application and essay to your High School Guidance Counselor or to:

Noble REMC
Attention: Kevin Dreibelbis
PO Box 137
Albion IN 46701

DEADLINE is March 1, 2012!