

YOUTH TOUR

JUNE 15-19, 2026



Experience The Capital Like Never Before

Are you a high school junior with big dreams and a passion for making a difference? If your family gets electricity from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative (REC), this opportunity is calling your name.

Youth Tour is not just a trip. It is an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime experience that can change the way you see your future. This is your chance to stand where leaders have stood, see history up close, and imagine yourself making an impact.

Picture This:

Walking the same halls where the nation's biggest decisions are made. Meeting students from across the country who are just as driven and ambitious as you. Getting behind-the-scenes access to places you have only seen in textbooks or online.



What's Waiting for You?

- **Tour Highlights:** Tour the U.S. Capitol, and experience other unique opportunities only in Washington D.C.
- **Leadership Growth:** Meet lawmakers, network with other future leaders, and learn how to use your voice to create real change.
- **All Expenses Covered:** Travel, meals, lodging, tours, and activities are included at no cost to you.
- **Lifelong Connections:** Make friends with other ambitious students from Virginia and beyond who will inspire you and support you for years to come.

Youth Tour has shaped generations of leaders. Now it is your turn to shine. If you are ready for this opportunity to represent your community by attending this event, submit your application today!

How to Apply:

Go to myrec.coop/youthtour to submit the online application. Tell us about yourself and why this life-changing experience has your name written all over it.

Deadline: January 31, 2026 Do not miss your shot! Youth Tour is calling and is ready for you!

Questions? → community@myrec.coop

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Youth Leadership Council: The Ultimate Level-Up

Every year, one standout student from Virginia is chosen to represent the state on the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's Youth Leadership Council (YLC), an elite program bringing together top students from across the country. During Youth Tour, that student could be you.

Why It's a Big Deal:

- Attend the 2026 NRECA Annual Meeting, a national gathering of energy and cooperative leaders, with all expenses paid.
- Build hands-on leadership skills, strengthen your public speaking abilities, and learn how the energy industry works from the inside out.
- Represent Virginia by carrying the state flag at the opening session and assisting NRECA staff with important event operations.

What Makes YLC Special:

This is more than a conference. It is an opportunity that can transform your leadership journey. You will leave more confident, more connected, and ready to make an impact in your school, your community, and your future career. You will also meet other motivated students from across the United States who share your passion for leadership and service.

How to Be Chosen:

The Virginia delegate is selected during Youth Tour, so be ready to make a strong impression. Step up, stand out, and you could be representing our state on the national stage. Will you be the one carrying Virginia's flag?

