



Cuivre River Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

2010 Youth Tour Contest

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: () _____ Evening Phone Number: () _____

Parents of Guardians Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Teacher: _____ School Phone Number: () _____

2010 Youth Tour Contest Official Rules

1. Entries may be submitted by high school juniors attending school in Lincoln, St. Charles, Warren, and southern Pike counties (*except children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters of CREC employees or directors*).
2. Entries must include a completed application and composition (500-1000 words) titled: **“Cooperative values at work in a new decade”** (*Select one or more of the seven cooperative principles and explain their positive impact on your community in a new decade.*)
3. Entries must be typed using size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font. Double-spaced on one side of each page.
4. Entries must be received by **March 19, 2010 before 4:30 p.m.**
 - You may deliver them to a CREC office (located in Troy and Lake Saint Louis).
 - Mail them to: 2010 Youth Tour Contest, c/o Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 160, Troy, MO 63379.

Twelve Finalists will be invited to the 2010 Youth Tour Final Competition and Awards Banquet on April 14, 2010.



Winners

All-Expense Paid Trip to Washington, D.C. Participants with the top six scores will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. June 11-17, 2010. These students will represent Cuivre River Electric Cooperative and the State of Missouri at the 2010 National Youth Tour Conference in Washington, D.C. Enter and win. You could be next!

\$250 Scholarship The six runners-up in the 2010 Youth Tour Contest will receive a \$250 scholarship to the college or university of their choice.

Important Dates

Applications & Compositions Accepted..... February 1 - March 19, 2010
 Finalists will be notified on..... March 31, 2010
 Final Competition & Awards Banquet..... April 14, 2010
 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C..... June 11-17, 2010

Judging

A detailed description of the judging process can be found on the back of this application.

More Information

Cooperative principle resources: www.cuivre.com, www.amec.org, www.nreca.org, www.ica.coop, www.coopmonth.coop, www.touchstoneenergy.cooperative.com, and www.youthtour.coop. For additional information, please call Lonnie Tucker (ext. 230) or Mary Jane Clark (ext. 234) at (636) 528-8261, (636) 695-4700, or Toll Free at 1-800-392-3709, or email ltucker@cuivre.com or mjclark@cuivre.com.

2010 Youth Tour Contest Judging

Cuivre River Electric Cooperative has two stages for scoring the contest. Total scores are cumulative. The **Preliminary Stage** and **Final Stage** scores are *combined* to determine contest winners. The **Cooperative Knowledge Quiz** score will be used as the official tiebreaker in the event we have two or more finalists with the same scores.

Preliminary Stage:

Each composition receives a score of up to 100 points from each of three Preliminary Stage judges. The lowest of these three scores will be dropped, with the two highest scores added together for a possible 200 point Preliminary Stage score.

Preliminary Stage judges are employees of Cuivre River Electric Cooperative.

Cooperative Knowledge..... 40 points

Show a working knowledge of Cuivre River Electric Cooperative and its current practices.

Composition..... 25 points

Make sure your composition sticks to the topic and is well organized. (The total number of words should not be less than 500 and should not exceed 1,000.)

Originality..... 20 points

Add your own ideas. Find an interesting way to share your knowledge.

Grammar 10 points

Use good sentence structure, proper punctuation, complete sentences, and accurate spelling.

Neatness 5 points

Judges must be able to read your material. Entries must be typed using size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font. Double-spaced on one side of each page.

Final Stage (applies to finalists only):

Cooperative Knowledge Quiz

A quiz will be given to the finalists on the evening of the Youth Tour Final Competition and Awards Banquet.

Knowledge of Study Material 50 points

“Study Material” is provided on www.cuivre.com. Copies will be mailed to the 12 finalists.

Oral Presentation

All finalists will give an oral presentation following the awards banquet. Three new judges - representing other electric cooperatives, the media and education - award up to 50 points each on the following criteria.

Speaking Ability 30 points

Most finalists are not public speakers. Practice with a speech teacher can help you become more comfortable in front of the judges. No props or costumes, please.

Poise & Personality 10 points

Practice will help you keep your composure and self-assurance. Be yourself - your best self. Let your enthusiasm for your excellent composition show through.

Appearance 5 points

You will represent Cuivre River Electric Cooperative when you meet with your Senator and Representative on Capitol Hill. Dress with this meeting in mind.

Length of Presentation 5 points

Your presentation should not exceed 8 minutes in length.

Based on **Preliminary Stage** scores, 12 students advance to the **Final Stage**. Finalists, their parents and their teachers are invited to the **2010 Youth Tour Final Competition and Awards Banquet** held on April 14, 2010 at the Cuivre River Electric Cooperative Headquarters in Troy.



Youth Tour

The six finalists with
the highest *combined*
preliminary and final scores
will attend the Youth Tour in
Washington, D.C.

Preliminary Stage 200 points possible:

100 points x 2 judges

Final Stage 200 points possible:

50 points for quiz + 150 points for oral presentation
(3 judges x 50 points each)

Possible Total = 400 points