



Cuivre River Electric Cooperative

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YOUTH TOUR Application

Youth Tour Contest Application — Student & School Information

Student's Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____
Daytime Phone Number: () _____ Evening Phone Number: () _____
Parents or Guardian's Name: _____
Name of High School: _____
Teacher: _____ High School Phone Number: () _____

Youth Tour Contest Rules

1. The Youth Tour Contest is open to high school (public, private or homeschool) juniors in Lincoln, Pike, St. Charles, and Warren counties. (Children, grandchildren, brothers or sisters of Cuivre River Electric Cooperative employees or directors are ineligible.)
2. Youth Tour Contest entries must include a completed official Youth Tour Contest application and a composition (500-1,000 words) titled: "My Favorite Cooperative Principle." (Select one of the seven cooperative principles and explain how Cuivre River Electric Cooperative is using it to make a positive impact in your local community.)
3. Compositions must be formatted and typed using size 12 Arial or Times New Roman font. Double-spaced. One side of page.
4. Youth Tour Contest deadline is Monday, March 2, 2026. All entries must be received by 4:30 p.m.
5. You may deliver them to a Cuivre River Electric Cooperative office:
Cuivre River Electric Headquarters, 1112 East Cherry Street, Troy, MO 63379
Cuivre River Electric Branch Office, 8757 Highway N, Lake Saint Louis, MO 63367
6. Mail contest entries to:
2026 Youth Tour Contest, Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 160, Troy, MO 63379
7. For more information, contact Tim Schmidt at 636-695-4837 or tschmidt@cuivre.com.

The 12 students with the highest composition scores will be contacted on March 20, 2026. They will be invited to the 2026 Youth Tour Final Competition and Awards Banquet on April 1 at the Cuivre River Electric office in Lake Saint Louis.

Youth Tour Contest Student & Teacher Awards

Youth Tour Delegates: The six top scoring finalists will receive an all-expense paid trip (\$3,000 value) to Washington, D.C. on June 14-20, 2026, to represent CREC and the state of Missouri at the 2026 National Youth Tour Conference. All transportation, lodging, meals and registration fees are provided by CREC.

\$500 Youth Tour Scholarship: The six runners-up will receive a \$500 scholarship to the college or university of their choice.

\$50 Teacher Grant: Each teacher who submits 10 or more Youth Tour compositions will receive a \$50 classroom grant (gift Card) from Cuivre River Electric Cooperative for supporting this cooperative educational program.