

Youth Tour Application



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A little over 80 years ago, a small group of people was passionate about bringing electricity to the people and farms of our rural communities and worked to form the Osage Valley Electric Cooperative.

What are you passionate about? Tell us what makes you unique! Help us get to know you. Please include, on a separate sheet of paper, a page or more that tells us about you, what you are passionate about, and why.

About the contest:

Each year, Osage Valley Electric has held an essay contest for high school juniors to win a trip to Washington DC and to the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) in Jefferson City. The 2021 trips have been canceled due to COVID-19 concerns, but the Missouri Electric Cooperative team has worked hard to put together an experience that will still be of value to your students.

This year the team has put together two hybrid events that will include a combination of small group, in-person participation and virtual participation. These leadership events will include visits from nationally known speakers, state legislators, college athletes and will include many fun activities. The funds normally spent on travel and hotels will be awarded as scholarships to the contest winners. The Youth Tour event will be held June 16-18 and the CYCLE event will be held July 21-23.

From the essays submitted, four finalists will be selected for interviews. After interviews, the top two finalists will be selected to attend the Youth Tour hybrid conference and will each receive a **\$2000 scholarship** after participation in the conference. The two remaining finalists will attend the CYCLE hybrid conference and will each receive a **\$500 scholarship** after participation.

To enter, contestants must be a high school junior residing within Osage Valley's service area. (Osage Valley does not have to be the electric supplier for their home.) They must submit a typed, 1–2-page essay about something they are passionate about. Essays will be judged on composition, independent thought, neatness, and grammar. Essays, along with this application form, need to be submitted to Osage Valley Electric Co-op, 1321 N Orange St., Butler MO 64730 by noon on April 2, 2021 or emailed to jrosier@osagevalley.com. Emailed essays must be attached as a Word document or pdf and accompanied by this form in the email. [i.e., Emails should have two attachments: 1.) your essay 2.) your application form.] Essays submitted as the content of an email will not be accepted. For questions, please call 660-679-3131 Ext 5547.