

# Win a trip to Washington, D.C.

This is the 47th year Missouri has participated in the annual Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. You could be one of 80 high school juniors from across the state who win an all-expense paid, week-long trip to Washington, D.C. in June. All you have to do is put on your creative thinking cap and enter

**White River Valley Electric Cooperative's Youth Tour Essay Contest. Your essay, 1500 words or less, makes you eligible to win!**  
Want to know more about Youth Tour - visit [www.youthtour.coop](http://www.youthtour.coop).



## Who Can Enter?

Any high school junior who attends a school in the same area served by White River Valley Electric Cooperative is eligible to enter. Home-schooled students can also enter if they are between 16 and 17 years of age and at a school level equivalent to a junior in high school. The contestant's family does not have to be a member of White River Valley Electric Cooperative.

## How To Enter:

Write and submit an essay of 1500 words or less on the topic and return it by February 26, 2010. The essay can be typed or written longhand on one side of the paper. **On a separate sheet attached to the essay, include the following information: Name, Address, Phone number, Parents' or Guardians' names, School, T-shirt size and Sponsoring teacher's name. \*\*PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION.\*\*** Questions? Call Diana Bradford at 800-879-4056 or e-mail [dbradford@whiteriver.org](mailto:dbradford@whiteriver.org).

## What To Write About:

*"Missouri is heavily reliant on coal for electric power. What would you ask your legislators to consider when drafting climate change legislation so that electricity remains affordable?"*

## Prizes:

Three winners will join more than 1200 other essay contest winners from around the country for an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 11-17, 2010. Each student who submits an essay will receive a White River Valley Electric Cooperative t-shirt. All finalists will also receive a special gift. (We'll give your sponsoring teacher one, too!)

## Judging:

Independent judges will select the best essay from each school. Judging will be based on the following criteria: Topic knowledge (40%); Theme development (30%); Grammar (20%); Neatness (10%).

One finalist from each school will be selected by a panel of three judges. The finalists, their parents and their teachers will be guests of White River Valley Electric Cooperative at a dinner banquet on Friday, April 2, 2010, at the Keeter Center on the campus of College of the Ozarks. Each finalist will present their essay orally before a panel of three additional judges. The winners will be announced after the competition that evening.

## Essay Resources:

Our Energy, Our Future, [www.ourenergy.coop](http://www.ourenergy.coop); National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, [www.nreca.org](http://www.nreca.org); Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc., [www.aeci.org](http://www.aeci.org); Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives, [www.amec.org](http://www.amec.org); Americans for Balanced Energy Choices, [www.americaspower.org](http://www.americaspower.org); Electric Power Research Institute, [www.epri.com](http://www.epri.com); Department of Energy, [www.doe.gov](http://www.doe.gov)

★ ★ Entry Deadline: ★ ★

**Friday, Feb. 26, 2010  
at 5 p.m.**

Mail or E-mail Your Entry To:

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*It's the trip of a lifetime!*

