



**Join the FUN!**  
**#YTDCSD2026**  
**June 14-20, 2026**

*(Best of all, it's free thanks  
to your local electric  
cooperative!)*



# TEENS:

## Head to D.C. This Summer for **FREE!**

Attention all area high school juniors and seniors and whose parents or guardians are members of H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc.:

Here is your chance of a lifetime to experience an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 14-20.

What makes electric cooperatives different from other utilities is that “giving something back to the community” is part of their business plan. Why do electric cooperatives bring high school students to Washington? Because it is important to learn about the political process to interact with your government. The student who wins this trip will walk away from this week as a better leader and a sense that they can make a difference.

The Rural Electric Youth Tour has brought high school students to Washington, D.C., every June since the late 1950s. Students compete for slots for this unique opportunity and are selected for this program by their local electric cooperative.

The featured speakers during National Youth Day provide insight to the important roles electric cooperatives play in their community. Students gain a personal understanding of American history and their role as a citizen by meeting their representative and senators and explore the sights around the nation's capitol.

During the trip, you'll see tons of sites, meet teens from across the country and gain perspective on community and cooperatives.

### **If you want to be part of the fun...**

Complete the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., application form on the back of this sheet and submit the completed application to H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. before the November 1, 2025, deadline.

### **How the Participant is Chosen...**

H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s Selection Committee will review and evaluate all applications received. Students may be asked to participate in an interview. The committee will select one student to represent H-D Electric Cooperative, Inc. at this year's event.

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**Cooperative**

**Application Deadline:**

**November 1st, 2025**



# Rural Electric Youth Tour

## Washington D.C

### June 14-20, 2026



#### Student Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2025-2026 Class: Junior / Senior**

**Birthday:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ **T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any Special Accommodations:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent/Guardian Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Essay or Video

- 1) Personal Reflection: Tell us about yourself
- 2) Essay or Video: Combine the two questions into one essay or video discussion
  - a. Why I want to participate in the Washington D.C. Youth Tour.
  - b. How have Rural Electric Cooperatives affected the quality of life?

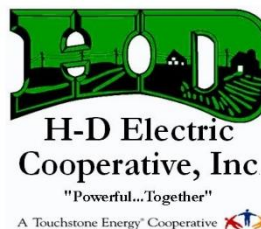
There are 3-ways that you can send it to us:

Provide a link to the video or E-mail or Send a hard copy (ex. Flash Drive or DVD).

**After applications are reviewed interviews may take place.**

**Deadline Application is November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

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# FACTS ABOUT

## H-D Electric Cooperative

H-D Electric Cooperative is owned by the members they serve and are committed to providing reliable cost based electricity.

### 7 COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLES

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

#### Currently

Total Members: 2,990  
Miles of Line: 1,623  
Overhead: 623  
Underground: 1,000

H-D receives power through East River Electric Cooperative transmission lines from Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Western Area Power Association.

- 1940 - H-D Electric Cooperative Started
- 1947 - First Service Connected
- 1970 - First Underground Wire Installed
- 2018 - New Headquarters
- 2020 - Purchased Tesla Model 3