

# WASHINGTON DC YOUTH TOUR

## ESSAY CONTEST

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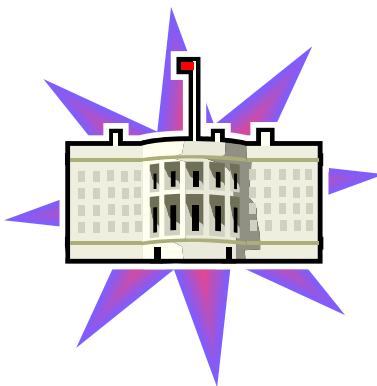
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Imagine winning an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. with high school juniors from across the country. Think about cruising down the **Potomac on a riverboat**, touring the **Lincoln Memorial**, the **Vietnam Memorial**, the **Smithsonian**, the **Library of Congress**, the **United States Supreme Court Building** and other famous sites! Trips to the **National Cathedral**, **Ford's Theater** and the **Kennedy Center** have also been a part of this event each year. You will have memories for a lifetime.

Qualifying for the contest is easy. All you have to do is write a short essay on the topic – “The Touchstone Energy Partnership – What does it bring to your cooperative or community?”. Winners of the essay contest will then qualify for an interview. It is a tremendous reward for a little time and effort.

### **The Essay Contest**

The Washington Youth Tour Essay Contest is the first phase of the selection process to determine who will represent Clarke Electric on the Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington. By participating in this contest you will get a better idea how the quality of life in south central Iowa has been improved by rural electrification and efforts to create jobs and grow businesses – services that are provided by Clarke Electric Cooperative.



### **The Essay Guidelines**

1. Entries should be typed on one side of 8.5 X 11 in. paper.
2. Entries should be no more than 500 words and a minimum of two pages.
3. A topic and some resource material will be provided.
4. Essay winners will be notified and advance to the personal interview process.

### **The Personal Interview**

The essay winners will be invited to attend the second round of competition, which is the interview with Youth Tour judges and a question and answer forum. The judges are looking for your knowledge of rural electrification, factual information about Clarke Electric and some information regarding local and state leaders.

### **Youth Tour Winner**

Only one contestant will be selected to attend the Youth Tour in June; however, a runner-up will be determined in the event the winner is unable to attend. All other contestants that advanced to the interview process will receive a **cool electric grill** so you can enjoy grilling with your friends.

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