



June 14-20, 2026

**WHETSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR TO
WASHINGTON ENTRY FORM**

Name _____ Age _____
Parent's Name _____
Whetstone Valley Electric Account No. _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
School _____
Email Address: _____

RULES

1. The contest is open to high school juniors & seniors whose parents or guardians are a member of the Whetstone Electric Cooperative.
2. All entrants are required to submit a 500 word essay on the following:
"Describe how a strong and united cooperative community supports and serves your area."
3. Essays must be in the Cooperative office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2025. Our address is: Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, PO Box 512, Milbank, SD 57252

The essays will be judged on the following basis:

- A) Understanding of the Subject 35%
- B) Originality 35%
- C) Adhering to the Topic 15%
- D) Composition, neatness and grammar 15%

** You are not limited to any resource materials, although you must provide a bibliography.*

** Your essay, if you wish, may include interviews with individuals involved in the energy field.*

This is an all-expense paid trip provided by Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative.