

# 2023 YOUTH TOUR SELECTION PROCESS

June 11 – 18, 2023

Applications due March 1, 2023

Every year, SCI REMC sponsors junior high school students to Washington, D.C., on the "trip of a lifetime." Over the years, Youth Tour delegates have visited landmarks such as Arlington National Cemetery, Capitol Hill, the U.S. Supreme Court, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Vietnam memorials, and several museums. On Capitol Hill, Indiana's delegation has visited with their local Congressman and taken a tour of the Capitol Building, including a visit to the U.S. House of Representatives Gallery.

This all-expense-paid experience is geared toward high school juniors (who will be seniors the school year following the tour), whose parents or guardians are SCI REMC members, and who meet all the requirements.

## YOUTH TOUR RULES:

1. The student must be a high school junior (who will be a senior the school year following the tour).
2. The student's parent or guardian must be a member of SCI REMC.
3. The student must submit an application and essay by the program deadline of March 1.

## HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete the entry form at [indianaec.org/programs/youth/youth-tour/application](http://indianaec.org/programs/youth/youth-tour/application)
2. Write an original essay of 600 to 800 words on the topic below.
3. Essays must be typed and double-spaced on an 8 ½" x 11" or letter-size page.
4. Essays must include a cover page with the student's name, address, and telephone number.
5. Email your essay to [cooperativerelations@sciremc.com](mailto:cooperativerelations@sciremc.com) with the Subject: 2023 Youth Tour Essay.

## Essay topic:

"What does the second cooperative principle mean to you and your community?"

## Evaluation and Selection:

A panel of 3 judges knowledgeable about electric cooperatives will evaluate and rank the essays. Criteria for judging will be as follows:

1. Knowledge of subject – 40% Includes a demonstrated understanding of the material, relevance of information, direct understanding of the subject
2. Strength of ideas – 25% Includes recognizable point being made, solid support of your view
3. Style – 20% Includes originality of approach, appealing presentation

4. Writing usage/grammar – 15% Includes correct use of words, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.

The top two finalists will be selected for the trip to Washington D.C. for National Youth Tour Week sponsored by SCI REMC.

**Note:** Should any of the top two finalists be unable to attend the Youth Tour, a runner-up (in the order of scoring) will receive the trip.