



Co-Mo CONNECT
Powered by Co-Mo Electric Cooperative

YOUTH TOUR

2023-2024

Win a trip to Washington, D.C. in 2023!

They call it “the trip of a lifetime” and you could be on it!

Co-Mo Connect Powered by Co-Mo Electric Cooperative will sponsor four students to attend the Youth Tour trip in 2023, a whirlwind adventure in Washington, D.C., with more than 100 fellow Missourians and 1,500 high school juniors from across the country. All high school juniors residing or attending school in Co-Mo’s service territory who are not children or grandchildren of a Co-Mo board member or employee are eligible.

Do you want to win a trip to Washington, D.C.? You can earn your spot by entering a project that answers the contest prompt in this Youth Tour packet! For more information, go to www.co-mo.coop and click on Youth Tour.



Contact Patrick Wood at pwood@co-mo.coop if you have questions!



YOUTH TOUR 2023-2024

- All entries must be received by Oct. 13, 2023 -

This year, we are giving students the opportunity to pick between two prompts! For their chance to win a spot on the Youth Tour trip, students will need to create a project (video or essay) that focuses on only ONE of the available prompts.

PROMPT 1:

If chosen as a Youth Tour Delegate, you will be traveling to Washington, D.C., to experience and learn more about America's rich history. What moment in American history do you wish you had been able to witness in person and why? How would that experience help make you a better leader today?

PROMPT 2:

The Youth Tour program is looking for future leaders. Think about all the people, past and present, who you think are inspirational leaders. They could be well known, or just inspire you personally. Who is the leader that inspires you most and why? What have they done that you aspire to emulate? What makes them a leader?

Write an essay:

Using between 500 and 750 words, answer ONE of the above prompts to demonstrate a thorough understanding of the topic. Essays should be typed. Attach a separate sheet of paper to the front of the essay with your name, address, telephone number, parent or guardian's name, and name of your school. Essays will be judged for creativity, accuracy, clarity, technical soundness (grammar, punctuation, etc.), and the level of independent research. Essays should be emailed directly to pwood@co-mo.coop or submitted by your teacher.

Make a video:

Create a video that is no less than three and no more than five minutes that answers ONE of the above questions to demonstrate a thorough understanding of the topic. Videos should be turned in via link (YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive, etc.). Along with the video, you will need to submit your name, address, telephone number, parent or guardian's name, and name of your school. Videos will be judged for creativity, accuracy, clarity, technical soundness (lighting, sound, etc.), and the level of independent research. If you're not submitting your project through your school, you must email the video link to pwood@co-mo.coop.

Rules and Regulations

- All entries must be received by Oct. 13, 2023. No late projects will be judged.
- All projects must be submitted by your teacher or sent by you to pwood@co-mo.coop.
- To be eligible, students must be juniors currently residing in or attending school in Co-Mo's service area. They must also be living in Co-Mo's service area at the time of the trip. Students cannot be children or grandchildren of a current Co-Mo board member or employee.
- All submissions become the property of Co-Mo Connect Powered by Co-Mo Electric Cooperative and will not be returned.





SCORING INFORMATION

- All entries must be received by Oct. 13, 2023 -

Your project (essay or video) will be scored using this guide. If you have questions about the guide, please ask your teacher or contact Patrick Wood at pwood@co-mo.coop.

Addresses the Prompt in an Understandable Manner – 20 Points

Your essay or video needs to address ONE of the available prompts clearly. The project should be easy to follow and fully answer the chosen prompt.

Grammatically Correct/Technically Sound – 20 Points

If you choose to write an essay for your project, it should be grammatically correct and include a citation page. If you decide to create a video, the video should be of good quality with adequate editing.

Independent Research – 20 Points

Students need to showcase research in their projects. Students who choose Prompt 1 should include historical information about a historical moment they have decided to include in their essay/video. Students who choose Prompt 2 should consist of research and evidence that justify their choice of an inspirational leader.

Creativity – 40 Points

Make your project unique! Everyone will work from the same prompts, but only you have your distinctive perspective, creativity, and imagination. Make your project memorable and something that will truly stand out from the other entries.





YOUTH TOUR TIMELINE

- All entries must be received by Oct. 13, 2023 -

August/September

- Co-Mo Connect announces Youth Tour program and visits schools promoting participation.

October

- Youth Tour entries are due October 13, 2023.
- Three judges from neighboring cooperatives will score all projects. Each judge will score projects based on the guides in this packet, and the scores will be averaged to provide the final score per project. The scoring of the judges is final.
- Nine Youth Tour Finalists will be announced on October 25, 2023.

November

- Finalists will visit the Co-Mo Connect Tipton Office for a tour of the facility and interview with Youth Tour judges on November 6 or November 7. (Finalists will select which day works best for them.)
- Four Youth Tour Trip Winners will be announced on November 10. The winners will be selected based on the scores of the final projects combined with the score from the interviews. The other five finalists will receive \$200.
- There will be a Youth Tour reception dinner on November 16 for the four winners where they will present their winning Youth Tour entry.

The 2024 Youth Tour Trip will be
June 14-20, 2024

