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Dear student:

Dakota Electric Association (DEA) is offering area students a chance to win an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. Students who are juniors or seniors this year and who are interested in government affairs are encouraged to apply. Five students will be chosen to attend the Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. from **June 16 – 21**.

A Youth Tour application is attached. Complete the "Application" page. Provide your typewritten or legible, handwritten answers to the questions on page two on a separate sheet(s) of paper. In addition to these items, include a photograph of yourself (quality photograph in print or high resolution digital) and one (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or youth organization leader with your application.

The application deadline is **February 29, 2012**. Interviews will be held on **March 8 and March 13**.

If you would like to view video clips describing the Youth Tour, check out the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) website at <http://www.youthtour.coop/multimedia.htm> (copy or type website address into your browser bar). Please call me at (651) 463-6110, (800) 874-3409 extension 110, or email to pjohnson@dakotaelectric.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Peggy P. Johnson'.

Peggy P. Johnson
Community Relations Director

Attachment

Students, learn more about Dakota Electric Association by visiting our website:

www.dakotaelectric.com

Statewide Youth Tour information:

http://www.mrea.org/youthandschool/youth_tour.php

What is a cooperative?

<http://www.nreca.org/AboutUs/Co-op101.htm>

To access website, copy or type website address into your browser bar.

Application

No. _____
(Internal use only)



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RURAL ELECTRIC
WASHINGTON, D.C. YOUTH TOUR
June 16 – 21, 2012

APPLICATION

Legal Name: _____ School: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age (as of Jan. 1): _____ Date of Birth: _____ Current grade:
Junior or senior _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____ Home telephone: _____

Cell telephone: _____ Email address: _____

High school teacher or counselor responsible for student sign-up: _____

Applicant signature

Parent/Guardian signature

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WASHINGTON, D.C. YOUTH TOUR**
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Instructions: Provide your typewritten or legible, handwritten answers to the questions below on a separate sheet(s). Please keep answers brief. Suggested length is 100 words or less per question.

1. Please tell us how you are involved in school, family, and your community. Include any activities you participate in and jobs you hold. Why are these things important to you?
2. Why would you like to participate in the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour? How do you hope to benefit from it?
3. Tell us about you and your future. What are you passionate about? What does your future hold?

Submit with Application:

1. Completed application page
2. Sheet(s) with typewritten or legible, handwritten answers to questions above
3. Photograph of yourself (quality photograph in print or high resolution digital)
4. One (1) letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or youth organization leader

Return to:

Peggy Johnson

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You will receive notification of your interview time. Each interview will last approximately 15 minutes.