



# WHITE RIVER VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

## News Release

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## D.C. Trip and Scholarship Opportunity Now Open for Local High School Juniors

**Branson, Missouri** – White River Valley Electric Cooperative (WRVEC) has opened applications for Youth Tour, its annual essay competition in which three area students will represent WRVEC and travel to Washington, D.C. on an expense paid trip. The trip will take place June 15 – June 21, 2025. Winners of the contest will also receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

High school juniors from participating schools in White River Valley Electric Cooperative's five-county service area are eligible to apply. The eligible counties are as followed: Christian, Douglas, Ozark, Stone, and Taney. Home-schooled students may participate if they are between 16 and 17 years of age and have attained the scholastic achievement of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

To apply, students are required to fill out a short application and submit an essay or video. The submitted essay or video must answer the following question, "How will the Cooperative Power my Future?" Finalists will be selected by a panel of judges. The selected finalists will then be invited to attend a banquet, where they will take a short quiz about electric cooperatives and then follow with a presentation of their essays in front of friends, family, and a panel of judges.

"This trip is the opportunity of a lifetime," said Nathan Stearns, Community Programs Coordinator for WRVEC. "We are proud to send the best and brightest to represent the Cooperative and know each one will be inspired from this experience."

To apply, please visit [www.whiteriver.org/community/youth-programs/youth-tour](http://www.whiteriver.org/community/youth-programs/youth-tour). Applications will be accepted January 1 through February 15.



***Pictured Left to Right:** 2024 Youth Tour Winners, Gretchen House (Chadwick), Bridgette Fitzpatrick (School of the Ozarks), and Aven Goodnight (Nixa).*

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[White River Valley Electric Cooperative](#) is a [Touchstone Energy Cooperative](#) dedicated to ensuring our members receive safe and reliable service in their homes and businesses across five southwest Missouri counties including Ozark, Taney, Stone, Christian and Douglas.