

# COLUMBUS CURRENTS

## CEC Seeking Next Generation of Leaders

What do 1,500 high school students, our nation's capital and electric cooperatives have in common? The Government-in-Action Youth Tour, of course!

The Youth Tour was established with one thought in mind – to inspire our next generation of leaders. Since 1964, more than 50,000 young Americans have taken advantage of this special opportunity offered by their electric cooperative. Every year in conjunction with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Columbus Electric sponsors two students who are given the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. for an intensive weeklong tour – and it doesn't cost them a dime.

The Youth Tour takes place in June every year. High school students from across the country spend a week in the nation's capital learning about the cooperative business model and the role cooperative's play in developing strong rural communities. While in D.C., participants meet with their elected officials and discuss the issues that are important back home along with visiting monuments, museums and historical sights.

Without a doubt, the Youth Tour has grown into an invaluable program that gives young Americans an experience that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. Students have repeatedly shared that this experience has helped them grow into successful professionals. It has also benefited our local communities. Youth Tour participants return home with a deeper understanding of what it takes to be a leader and, as a result, they put the knowledge gained and the skills they learned to use in our communities.

Help us find the next generation of leaders by sharing the Youth Tour experience with a promising student. If you are or know a high school junior or senior interested in traveling to Washington, D.C. to experience an all-expense-paid trip of a lifetime, applications will be available at the Columbus Electric Deming office as well as online at [www.columbusco-op.org](http://www.columbusco-op.org) beginning October 1, 2020. For more information about Columbus Electric's Youth Tour program, call 575-546-8838 or 1-800-950-2667.



## ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR

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For more information call CEC at 575-546-8838 or 1-800-950-2667.

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