

YOUTH TOUR & CYCLE ESSAY CONTEST 2026



YOUTH TOUR

June 14 - 20, 2026

For six days in June, delegates will be sent on an all expense paid trip to our nation's capital! Only two essay winners will be selected!



CYCLE

July 14 - 17, 2026

For three days in July, delegates will be sent on an all expense paid trip to our state capitol! Only the two essay winners will be selected!

HOW TO APPLY

Submit an essay of 500 to 750 words or a two-minute video explaining what leadership role(s) you currently have and how this opportunity will help you continue future leadership within your community.

RULES

- For students to be eligible, parents or legal guardians must be current members of CEC and maintain full-time residency within the service area.
- Entries must be postmarked by March 1, 2026
- Complete official entry application and student profile and return with your essay or video to:

Youth Tour/CYCLE essay contest
Citizens Electric Corporation
1500 Rand Avenue
Perryville, Missouri 63775

Official Entry Application

I wish to participate in the 2026 Youth Tour/CYCLE Essay Contest for a chance to win an all-expense trip to Washington, DC or Jefferson City

Name: _____

Age: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ I'm a (check one) ☐ sophomore ☐ freshman interested in applying for ☐ Youth Tour ☐ CYCLE

As a parent/guardian of the above-named student, I give my approval for he or she to enter the 2026 Youth Tour / CYCLE essay contest. If selected, he/she has my permission to participate.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature



YOUTH TOUR & CYCLE STUDENT PROFILE

Name: _____ School: _____

List any extracurricular activities (teams, clubs, organizations, etc.) you participate in:

What are your education / career plans after high school?

What is one thing you would do to improve your community?

Why did you enter this contest?

How do you spend your free time?

Describe a leader in your life:
