

# 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:

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What are your education / career plans after high school?

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

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Why did you enter this contest?

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How do you spend your free time?

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Describe a leader in your life:

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