

Iowa Youth Tour to Washington D.C.

Trip Dates: June 14-20, 2026

Sponsored by Butler County REC, 521 N. Main, Allison, IA 50602

Entry Rules

- You must be a high school junior whose parent(s) or guardian(s) are either Butler County REC members or residents living in Aplington, Fairbank, Fredericksburg or Readlyn.
- Fill out an entry form and submit it to Butler County REC no later than March 1, 2026.
- Your entry form can be hand delivered, emailed, or mailed to: Butler County REC, 521 N. Main, P.O. Box 98, Allison, IA 50602. If you prefer to submit an online application, go to butlerrec.coop.
- For help, contact Anne at anne@butlerrec.coop or 888-267-2726.
- Three semi-finalists will be invited to participate in the final selection process. If you are selected as a semi-finalist, Butler County REC will contact you about an interview, which will take place at the cooperative's office in Allison.
- Each semi-finalist who participates in the final selection process will be awarded a \$500 college scholarship. Scholarships are awarded after graduation from high school and acceptance at an accredited school.
- The winner represents Butler County REC and will join other students from other electric cooperatives on the Iowa Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The Iowa Youth Tour group, including a coordinator and adult chaperones, will leave from and return to the Des Moines International Airport.

Entry Deadline:
March 1, 2026

Entry Form

If space provided in any section is inadequate, please continue on additional sheets.

Your Name _____

Address _____

Age _____

E-mail Address _____

Cell Phone or Primary Phone Number _____

I am a high school junior Yes _____ No _____

High School _____

Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) (co-op member or qualifying community resident)

Parent or Legal Guardian Address (if different from above)

My parents/guardians have given me permission to apply for the Youth Tour. They are aware that, if chosen as a semi-finalist, I will need to come to the REC office in Allison for an interview. The winner will be selected at that time.

Yes _____ No _____

1. School Activities (Describe your involvement in and offices held in class government, clubs, groups, organizations, sports, etc.)

- 2. Community and Extra-curricular Activities** (Describe your participation in community organizations, civic groups, religious groups and statewide or national organizations.)
- 3. Awards and Recognition** (List any achievements, awards, honors and recognitions you have earned in academics, sports, the community and elsewhere during high school.)
- 4. What are your favorite hobbies or leisure-time activities?**
- 5. What are your plans after graduation from high school?**
- 6. Why do you want to be selected for the Youth Tour?**

- 7. ESSAY QUESTION: Why are cooperatives valuable in rural Iowa?** (500 words maximum. Use additional sheets, if needed.)