



Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative



Youth to Washington 2026 Application

Please submit a completed application to ONE of the following methods below:

Mail/Drop-off to: Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative
Attn: Brent Goforth
7420 US Highway 51 S.
P.O. Box 100
Dongola, IL 62926

Email to: bgoforth@siec.org

Please complete each section. The application should be received by mail, drop-off, or email to the address above by **Monday, February 9, 2026**.

Awards and communications will be first made by email.

STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ MI: ____ Last Name: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Applicant Phone: _____ - _____ Applicant Email: _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Address (if different) _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Email: _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Phone: _____ - _____ Parent/Legal Guardian Phone: _____ - _____
School Name: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Describe yourself, your educational goals/passions, and anything else you would like to share of importance. *(May be hand-written or typed. Must follow essay guidelines. Approximately 100 words.)*

ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list activities or organizations in which you currently or have participated in during the last three years. List any awards received, offices held, or special achievements or recognition received. You may include school, church, community, or other activities.

Activity/Organization	No. of Years	Office(s) Held	Special Awards, Honors, Etc.

ESSAY INFORMATION

As lawmakers continue to consider legislation that limits carbon emissions, what positive and negative effects would this have on the member-owners of electric cooperatives? Please include in your essay the importance of fuel diversity to generate electricity with regards to:

1. Affordable Electricity
2. Reliability
3. Meeting Electricity Demand
4. Safety
5. Environment

PARTICIPATION

*I understand my ability to participate is essential for application. I have reviewed these dates and I have no activities scheduled that would prevent me from participating in Youth Day in Springfield on **March 25**, or Youth to Washington trip **June 15-22, 2026**.*

I affirm I am either 1) a child/ward of a consumer-member of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, or 2) attend a public or private high school in Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's service territory that includes: Anna-Jonesboro, Cairo, Century, Cobden, Dongola, Egyptian, Goreville, Joppa, Massac, Meridian, Shawnee, & Vienna School Districts.

Signature of Applicant

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT STATEMENT

I/we give permission for _____, our daughter/son, if she/he is selected as a delegate for the Illinois Youth to Washington Tour (Youth Tour) program, to join the all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., and any other activities sponsored by Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative (SIEC) and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC). Youth to Washington is coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the AIEC, and local Illinois rural electric cooperatives. We also give permission for SIEC, AIEC, and the affiliates of the Youth Tour program to take, publish, and use photographs of my child/ward for publicity and historical purposes. In consideration for SIEC's sponsorship, including the provision of insurance coverage, adult chaperones, and financial support of Youth Tour, the undersigned hereby release, remise, and indemnify SIEC, AIEC, and their employees, officers, directors and agents from any and all claims arising from our child's/ward's participation in this program and its activities.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Printed name of Parent/Legal Guardian

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