



# Youth to Washington

## 2024 Application

Please submit a completed application to <u>ONE</u> 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 bgoforth@siec.org

#### Email to:

Please complete each section. The application should be received by mail, drop-off, or email to the address above by **Friday, February 9, 2024**.

Awards and communications will be first made by email.

#### STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: Home Address:	MI: Last Name:
City:	State: Zip:
Applicant Phone:	Applicant Email:
Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s):	
Parent/Legal Guardian Address (if differen	nt) State: Zip:
City:	State: Zip:
Parent/Legal Guardian Email:	
Parent/Legal Guardian Phone: School Name:	Parent/Legal Guardian Phone:

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

4. Safety

2. Reliability

5. Environment

3. Meeting Electricity Demand

#### 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 20**, or Youth to Washington trip **June 14-21, 2024**.

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

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