



## Apply now for Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., June 11-15



The 2016 Youth Tour participants take a break from their walking tour of the National Mall to pose with the Washington Monument in the background. From left: Julia Russell, Joel Thomas, Hannah Smith, Katie Moise, Melanie Leonard, Brandi Mitchell, Colton Baldrige and Ashley Chipman.

Eight students will be chosen by a panel of judges to attend the all-expenses-paid trip to the 2017 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour.

### The trip will include:

- Visiting Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., where Youth Tour participants will meet with members of Virginia's congressional delegation and potentially sit in on select committee hearings.
- Meeting with Virginia senators and touring the U.S. Capitol Building.

- Participating in an all-states Youth Day rally and dance, a boat ride down the Potomac River, sightseeing at iconic U.S. monuments, museums and much more!

### **YOUTH TOUR CONTESTANT RULES**

Any high school junior who lives and attends school (or home-school) within Southside Electric Cooperative's (SEC) service area is eligible to compete.

- Competition includes participants submitting a written essay of no more than 500 words explaining why you would be a good candidate to represent Southside Electric Cooperative on the 2017 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C.
- Complete rules and additional information can be found on the SEC website at [www.sec.coop/YouthTour](http://www.sec.coop/YouthTour).
- All entry forms and essays must be received at the Cooperative's Headquarters office by Friday, March 10, 2017.
- Students must be available for an interview at the Co-op's closest district office the weeks of March 20-24 or March 27-31.

### **EIGHT WINNERS TO BE SELECTED**

The top essay entries will be selected for personal interviews. Eight students will be selected for the trip of a lifetime! For more information, please visit [www.sec.coop/YouthTour](http://www.sec.coop/YouthTour) or contact Jacob McCann at (434) 645-3288 or [jacob.mccann@sec.coop](mailto:jacob.mccann@sec.coop) or Mark Thomas at (434) 645-3276 or [mark.thomas@sec.coop](mailto:mark.thomas@sec.coop).



**SEC Youth Tour participants pose for a quick selfie before their tour of the United States Capitol Building. While on Capitol Hill, students also visited with their elected officials.**