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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN SEEKS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS FOR ANNUAL WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

Rockford, MN (January 27, 2025) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) is seeking high school juniors to apply for a weeklong, all-expenses-paid leadership opportunity. The annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth Tour will take place in Washington, D.C. from June 16-21, 2025.

The NRECA Youth Tour brings together more than 1,800 high school students from around the country. Attendees will spend a week visiting historical sites, making new friends, and enjoying once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to meet with Minnesota’s political representatives. Students will learn firsthand about local and national government, and how electric cooperatives across America are affected by today’s political decisions.

“It was a week filled with learning, exploration, and unforgettable experiences,” said WH’s 2024 Youth Tour representative Nick Olson. “From meeting influential senators to exploring historical landmarks, every moment was memorable. It was an eye-opening experience that broadened my understanding of our nation's history, government, and culture. Meeting our senators, touring the Capitol, exploring the memorials, and enjoying the city's delights were all parts of an unforgettable journey. It reinforced the importance of being an informed and active citizen.”

Applications are due March 1. A sample itinerary, FAQ, and the application can be found at bit.ly/WH-Youth-Tour.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 59,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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Minnesota's 2024 Youth Tour attendees in Washington, D.C.



Youth Tour attendees attend a presentation from National Rural Electric Cooperative Association on their weeklong trip to Washington, D.C.