



MONTANA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE YOUTH TOUR 2027 CONTEST RULES

Dates: June 17-24, 2027

The essay topic for the 2027 Contest Essay is: [If you could build a monument in Washington, D.C., who would you honor and why?](#)

Deadline: Contact your local cooperative for details; some cooperatives do not use the essay contest to select their participant.

YOUTH TOUR CONTEST RULES

1. The student must be a junior or senior in high school in the fall of 2027. (Currently a sophomore or junior)
2. The student cannot be a prior winner of the youth tour.
3. The student and/or parent or guardian must be served by a rural electric cooperative that is a member of Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association.
4. The student must write a 500 –1,000-word essay on the following topic (for those cooperatives using the essay to select their representative): [If you could build a monument in Washington, D.C., who would you honor and why?](#)
5. Essays must include a cover page with the student's name, address, telephone number, and the name of their rural electric cooperative and a copy of the attached application.
6. Cooperatives may run an applicant's essay through an AI detection program. Use of AI could prevent the application from being considered.