



Selection procedures for 2025 Youth Tour Contest Sponsored by Brown County REA

Contest Purpose:

Select one youth to represent Brown County REA at the 2025 Youth Tour, sponsored by rural electric cooperatives and held June 16-21, 2025, in Washington D.C.

Awards:

1st Place: Participation in Youth Tour

2nd Place: \$200

3rd Place: \$150

Other interviewed applicants receive a gift card

Eligibility:

The contest is open to any current High School Sophomore or Junior whose parents/guardians are current members of Brown County Rural Electrician Association (REA).

Contest:

1. Applicants should write an original, 300 to 500-word essay on a topic related to electricity and/or the energy industry.
2. Complete the Youth Tour application, available at www.browncountyrea.coop.
3. Submit the completed essay and application by **4:30 p.m. February 28, 2025**, to:
Brown County REA
Attn: Marcia Solie
24386 State Hwy 4, PO Box 529
Sleepy Eye MN 56085-0529
Or email: m.solie@bcrea.coop
4. A judging committee will select finalists from the applications submitted.
5. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-March.
6. All expenses, except for travel to and from the airport in the Twin Cities, are covered by Brown County REA.
7. Trip winner will be asked to speak at the cooperative's annual meeting in 2026.
8. If you need more information, please contact Marcia Solie at Brown County REA. 1-800-658-2368 or 507-794-3331 or e-mail m.solie@bcrea.coop.