

High School Juniors can win a weeklong trip to

WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 13-18, 2023



Two winners and an alternate will be chosen to represent **Continental Divide** on the **2023 Government-in-Action Youth Tour**.

The contest is open to high school juniors whose parents or legal guardians are active CDEC account holders. Submit a 500- to 750-word essay on the following topic:

President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) into law on Aug. 16, 2022. How will its energy-related provisions benefit or hurt rural Americans in the coming years?

Deadline to apply: Friday, Dec. 16, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Call CDEC's Dominique Thomas at (505) 285-6656 for more details.

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2023 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest

The annual Government-In-Action Youth Tour is a collaborative effort between electric cooperatives across the country, the New Mexico Rural Electric Co-op Association and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The Youth Tour is scheduled for **June 13-18, 2023**. Two high school juniors (and an alternate) will be chosen to represent Continental Divide in Washington, D.C., for FREE!

The competition is open to high school juniors whose parents or legal guardians are active CDEC account holders. Contestants are also required to complete the application form (**on the back of this brochure**) and submit a 500- to 750-word essay, addressing the following topic:

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Guidelines for essay submissions:

- Essay must be at least 500 words in length.
- Essay must have a clear flow, be grammatically correct, and free of spelling errors.
- Essay must be on topic and researched, with sources cited in APA style and format.
- **Do not** specify your name, address, school, or any other identifying information on the essay. Any identifying information will be removed.
- Email, fax, mail, or hand-deliver your essay with the Youth Tour application form.

All submissions will be judged on content, clarity, overall presentation and factualness.

More about Youth Tour!

The New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association arranges airline flights, hotel accommodations, meals, visits with federal and state lawmakers and schedules *many* educational and sight-seeing opportunities. The Youth Tour kicks off in Santa Fe where delegates meet top New Mexico lawmakers and tour our state's capitol building and other government offices. The Youth Tour delegation then makes its way to Albuquerque for an early morning flight to Washington, D.C.



Activities include:

- Visit to the offices of congressional representatives on Capitol Hill
- Discussions with legislators about current events
- Boat cruise on the Potomac River
- NRECA youth conference

Tours include:

- Smithsonian museums
- Washington National Cathedral
- Mount Vernon, plantation home of George Washington
- Arlington National Cemetery (and a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier)
- Ford's Theatre, location of Abraham Lincoln's assassination
- And several other national monuments!

Delegates will learn:

- What makes cooperatives unique
- How cooperatives from all industries impact our daily lives
- The roles of our state and federal governments



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2023 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Essay Contest

Official Entry Form

Entry Deadline: 5 p.m., Friday, December 16, 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Name: _____

CDEC Account No.: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Use one of the below methods to return entry form and video or essay.

Hand-deliver: Grants Office is at 200 E. High Street. Gallup office is at 2500 NM Highway 602.
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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