

**DEADLINE:**

**THURSDAY,  
JANUARY 8, 2026**



# 2026 YOUTH TOUR

## CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS!



Clarke-Washington Electric  
Membership Corporation

- WIN THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME
- MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS
- BUILD YOUR COLLEGE RESUME
- WIN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY



# GET TO KNOW CLARKE-WASHINGTON EMC

Clarke-Washington Electric Membership Corporation is a member-owned electric cooperative serving more than 20,000 meters throughout Clarke, Washington, Wilcox and Monroe Counties. We were founded more than 89 years ago to meet the needs of the underserved people of rural Alabama.

Clarke-Washington EMC puts the needs of our members first, safely delivering reliable electric service at the lowest possible cost to the communities we serve.



## ALL ABOUT YOUTH TOUR



Youth Tour is an opportunity for high school juniors to compete for trips to Montgomery and Washington, D.C., to learn about electric cooperatives and our nation's history.

In Montgomery, delegates will join other students from across Alabama for leadership activities, visits to the state capitol and museums, meetings with state legislators, a dinner dance and other fun activities.

In Washington, D.C., students will enjoy sightseeing and tour attractions including Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, Vietnam Memorial, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial, FDR Memorial, and many more. The group will also visit Mount Vernon and tour Smithsonian museums such as the Holocaust Museum, American History Museum, National Archives, Museum of Natural History and others. It's truly the trip of a lifetime!



# HOW TO APPLY

This contest is open to all high school juniors in Clarke, Washington, Wilcox and Monroe counties, or if your parents/guardians are members of Clarke-Washington EMC, you are eligible to apply. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER.** Students must submit a video on the topic below. Students must also submit a resume to include academic achievements, work experience, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, employment, and any other accomplishments or endeavors that tell us about your character and work ethic .



## THE VIDEO

In your video, share your personal story—who you are, your background, interests, and the experiences that have shaped your character. Reflect on your core values and how they guide your actions and decisions. Clarke-Washington EMC's five core values are Safety, Integrity, Positive Attitude, Respect, and Dependability. Consider how your own values align with or differ from these, and explain why they make you a strong candidate for Youth Tour.

## THE RULES

The video must be 3-5 minutes long. Use your creativity—storytelling, visuals, music, interviews, animation, or any format that best represents you. We want to see your personality, your passion, and your vision for the future.

Students must complete and submit a video and resume on our website by **January 8, 2026, at 4pm.** The resume must be typed and the font size should be no larger than 12 point. .

Judges will review the videos and resumes to select the top two students from each school for the interview round.

Video winners will then be notified and given an assigned interview time. Interviews will be held at Clarke-Washington EMC's Jackson office at 9000 Highway 43.

**SUBMIT VIDEO & RESUME AT [CWEMC.COM/YOUTH-TOUR](https://cwemc.com/youth-tour)**





# THE INTERVIEW

Visit [www.cwemc.com/youth-tour](http://www.cwemc.com/youth-tour) to download your interview study guide.

Four students will be selected from the interview process to attend an all-expenses-paid trip to the Montgomery Youth Tour in March. They will also receive a \$500 scholarship.

Of those four, two students will be selected to be awarded an all expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. in June. Those two students will receive an additional \$500 scholarship.

The scholarships shall be transmitted to the accredited school selected by the scholarship recipient upon graduation.



## INTERVIEW TIPS

You will be interviewed by a panel of three judges. They will ask questions about Clarke-Washington EMC, electric cooperatives and yourself. You may be asked about school activities, family and college or career plans.

The judges will be considering your knowledge of cooperatives, communication skills, poise and appearance.

Always remember to speak up, do not chew gum during the interview, make eye contact with the judges and be personable.

## WHAT TO WEAR

We ask that you dress in business attire. Listed are example of what to wear.

Ladies: Dress, pantsuit, dressy blouse with slacks. Skirts and dresses should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. No strapless or spaghetti straps.

Gentlemen: Dress slacks/khakis, button down, tie, and optional sports coat.

## HELPFUL LINKS

[CWEMC.COM](http://CWEMC.COM)

[NRECA.COM](http://NRECA.COM)

[POWERSOUTH.COM](http://POWERSOUTH.COM)

[COOPERATIVE.COM](http://COOPERATIVE.COM)

[AREAPOWERC.OOP](http://AREAPOWERC.OOP)

[TOUCHSTONEENERGY.COM](http://TOUCHSTONEENERGY.COM)

[YOUTHTOUR.ORG](http://YOUTHTOUR.ORG)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**VIDEOS DUE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026**

**INTERVIEWS: TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026**

**MONTGOMERY YOUTH TOUR: MARCH 11-13, 2026**

**WASHINGTON D.C. YOUTH TOUR: JUNE 14-20, 2026**

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