



The Youth Tour was my first experience visiting Washington DC, and it was a city I immediately felt drawn to. I loved the atmosphere -- the people, the politics, the drive. When I found out I was the Indiana representative for the Youth Leadership Council (YLC), I knew it was going to be an experience that would change my life.

It did. It opened doors for me, including a Washington DC internship at C-SPAN during my junior year at Butler University and lifelong friendships. I have met up with my YLC friends all over the world -- Chicago, London, Mississippi, Washington DC. These people are not only role models, but I know they are the people who are going to change the world for the better. I am honored to be among them.

-- Kathryn Day  
YLC 2007

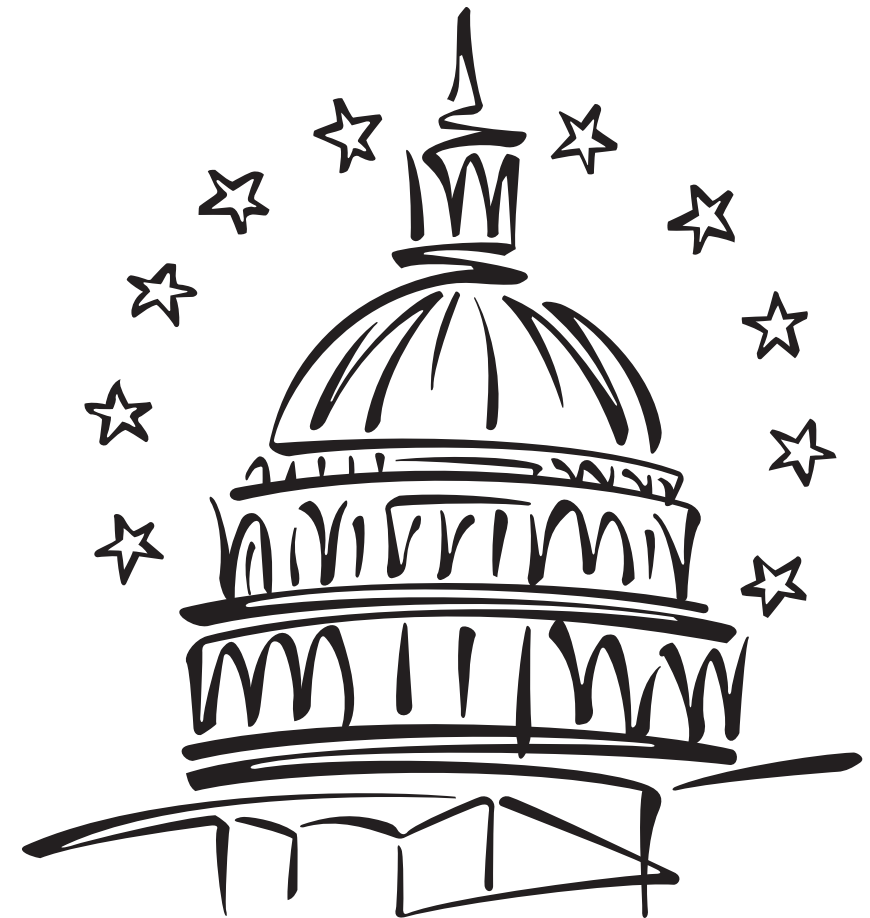
One of the most humbling moments in my life was to be selected as the Youth Leadership Council representative for the great state of Indiana! The caliber and abilities of all the nominees for our state's position was incredible and reminded me of the hope we must have for the future of America.

As a member of the 2010-2011 YLC, I was able to learn from and grow a love for each of the state's YLC candidates. There is a bond that grows instantaneously between the kids of the YLC as you travel and experience some spectacular and life changing things together.

-- Nick Hebert  
YLC 2010



# Youth Leadership Council



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## YOUTH TOUR

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to Washington, DC

# What is YLC ?

Each July, the cooperative community's brightest youth representatives gather in Washington , DC for the annual Youth Leadership Conference. Youth are selected to represent his or her state on the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) by his or her state delegation during the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The purpose of the YLC conference is to build leadership and public speaking skills, and to enhance the delegates' knowledge of the energy industry and the cooperative form of business.

During the conference, students will also have an opportunity to compete for the National YLC Spokesperson. The winner of the National YLC Spokesperson will have the honor of speaking before the membership at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Annual Meeting in the Spring of the following year, as well as address the Youth Tour delegation the next year. Indiana's YLC delegate will also speak at the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (ISA) annual meeting in the Fall and may be asked to present at his or her local cooperative annual meeting. ***If selected as Indiana's YLC Delegate, you must be available for all of the dates outlined in the Commitments section of this brochure.***

As members of the Youth Leadership Council (YLC), students become part of a special group of talented individuals who will make new friends and become part of an influential network of current and past YLC members!

# Scholarship

Indiana's YLC Delegate will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from ISA. This money may be used at a college or university of his or her choice. The winner will receive the money following the successful completion of his or her senior year of high school and upon proof of enrollment in an accredited college or university.

# Selection Process

Indiana's YLC Delegate will be chosen by a panel of chaperones and previous winner(s). The YLC winner will be selected based upon a three-step process as outlined below. ***The winner be announced on Saturday, June 11, 2011.***

## STEP 1: DELEGATE INTERVIEW

Delegates will be asked to arrive early on the first day of Youth Tour for a brief questions and answer session. Be prepared to answer a few questions about yourself and how you will benefit from being selected as Indiana's YLC representative.

## STEP 2: ESSAY & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Please complete the enclosed application and submit an essay, which you will also present as a ***3-5 minute speech*** in front of your peers on night two of the trip in Gettysburg, PA.

## STEP 3: LEADERSHIP & INTERACTION WITH PEERS

Chaperones will observe delegates as they interact with their peers and others during the first few days of the trip. They will be watching for leadership abilities, as well as whether or not the student creates a positive influence on the people and students around him or her.

# Commitments

If selected as the Indiana YLC Delegate, you will be ***required*** to attend the following events. *All travel expenses are covered by Indiana Statewide and/or NRECA.*

## 2011 NRECA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WASHINGTON, DC – JULY 16-20, 2011

At this three-day workshop, all 46 YLC representatives from around the country will have the opportunity to hone their public speaking skills, develop leadership skills, and enhance their understanding of politics and the cooperative business model. You will also have an opportunity to compete for the National YLC Spokesperson.

## 2011 INDIANA STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING INDIANAPOLIS, IN – NOVEMBER 14 OR 15, 2011

The Indiana YLC representative will address the Indiana Statewide Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives annual meeting in Indianapolis. He or she may also be asked to speak at the annual meeting of his or her local sponsoring cooperatives.

## 2012 NRECA ANNUAL MEETING SAN DIEGO, CA – MARCH 3-6, 2012

YLC representatives assist staff at the NRECA annual meeting the following Spring. YLC responsibilities at this meeting include participating in the opening assembly and Parade of States, staffing information booths and the Congressional Action Center, learning about energy issues, and assisting with committee meetings. Group recreational activities are also be provided. The National YLC Spokesperson will present a keynote address to the national membership.

## 2012 NRECA YOUTH TOUR TO WASHINGTON, DC WASHINGTON, DC – JUNE 15-21, 2012

One of the most exciting reasons to participate in the Youth Leadership Council workshop is that you may have an opportunity to participate in the Youth Tour to Washington, DC the following year...if you are selected as the YLC National Spokesperson. The spokesperson has the honor of speaking to the national student delegation during the Monday morning Youth Tour Rally and will participate in other events during the week.

# Redshirts

Once you enter college, YLC alumni may be contacted by NRECA and invited to once again participate in the Youth Tour to Washington, DC as a "Redshirt". Redshirts are comprised of current and former members of the Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Leadership Council (YLC) who have demonstrated strong leadership abilities and a high level of energy. They are outstanding youth leaders in their communities and local electric cooperatives.

During the Youth Tour, Redshirts assist NRECA staff with housing and accommodations, Youth Tour Rally prep, and other fun tasks to benefit students and chaperones. Redshirts may also assist with the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) conference in July and NRECA's annual meeting in the Spring.

