

member connection

Steele-Waseca accepting student applications for Youth Tour to Washington D.C.

Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric is accepting applications from eligible high school sophomores or juniors, for an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the 2010 Youth Tour, June 12-17.

The tour is coordinated through the Minnesota Rural Electric Association (MREA) with participating cooperatives sponsoring a member student to travel to Washington, D.C., to learn about cooperatives and our government, tour historical sites, and have fun meeting new friends from Minnesota and other participants from across the nation.

To be eligible, the entrant must meet the following requirements:

1. The entrant is currently a high school sophomore or junior, and, his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) are a Steele-Waseca member. Dependents of Steele-Waseca employees or directors are not eligible to participate.

2. All entries must include: a) the completed application form below; b) answers to both essay questions typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper; c) entrant's school and community information typed on a separate sheet of paper; and d) two letters of recommendation (one from an instructor, counselor or administrator, and the other from a church or community leader).

3. Return entries to: Steele-Waseca Cooperative Electric, c/o Youth Tour 2010, PO Box 485, Owatonna, MN 55060. Entries must be received in Steele-Waseca's office on or before March 5, 2010. The Youth Tour recipient will be notified by March 26, 2010.



Emma Hellevik of Medford (pictured far right on third step from bottom) was selected Steele-Waseca's Youth Tour delegate in 2009.

Each entry will be evaluated by a panel of judges for:

- completeness
- composition
- neatness
- ability to communicate
- school and community activities

Essay Questions:

1. Why would you like to be Steele-Waseca's delegate to Youth Tour 2010? What do you hope to gain from the experience? Answer in 150 words or less.

2. Write a short essay on what commitment to community means to you. Include how you contribute to your community. Answer in 300 words or less.

School and Community Information (use a separate sheet of paper to list the following):

- All school activities – include letters and honors earned, positions held, etc.
- All community activities – include all church, community service and positions held.
- Work experience and any other information.

Washington, D.C. Youth Tour 2010 — June 12-17 Theme for 2010 — Commitment to Community

Name _____ M or F ____ Phone _____

Address _____
street city state zip county

E-mail address _____ Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

I am currently a high school _____ sophomore _____ junior at _____

Parent/Guardian consent: I/we hereby give my/our dependent high school sophomore/junior permission to enter the Rural Electric Washington, D.C. Youth Tour 2010 Contest. I/we understand if he/she wins, I/we will be responsible for providing his/her own transportation to and from the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport.

Name(s) _____ SWCE account # _____