

Schmidt to represent Steele-Waseca on Youth Tour

Steele-Waseca Co-operative Electric has announced that Kara Schmidt of Faribault will be representing the co-op on the Washington, D.C. Youth Tour, June 11-16, 2011.



Kara Schmidt

Due to a previous commitment with the Owatonna High School Concert Choir, original Delegate Jacob Forster, notified Steele-Waseca that he would be unavailable to attend the tour.

After evaluating the judges' rankings, it was determined the next in line was Kara Schmidt, the daughter of Kevin and Kim Schmidt of rural Faribault.

A panel of judges evaluated eight entries this year which included two essay questions on why the applicant wished to be Steele-Waseca's delegate for the Youth Tour, and what commitment to community meant to them. The applications were also evaluated for completeness, composition, neatness, ability to communicate, and participation in school and community activities.

"I would like to participate in this tour, so I can reach a better understanding of our government, see firsthand how it works, reach out to others, and show leadership," wrote Kara in her essay.

During her visit to Washington, D.C., Kara will be joining other delegates from Minnesota and across the nation. She'll learn about the rural electric program on a local, state and national level, meet with state representatives and senators, and tour historical sites in and around our nation's capital.

Kara is presently completing her junior year at Faribault High School. She has earned letters in tennis and concert choir. In her own time, she tutors peers, participates in Big Brothers & Big Sisters, and volunteers at her local food shelf and animal shelter.

Her church activities include serving as a Sunday School teacher and leader for Vacation Bible School.

Kara also works part time for her father's handyman business and at J.C. Penney in Faribault.

Steele-Waseca wishes to congratulate Kara for being selected this year's delegate and is proud to have her representing the co-op in Washington D.C. 