

Emma Hellevik named Steele-Waseca Youth Tour delegate

Emma Hellevik of rural Medford has been awarded the 2009 Youth Tour for an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 13-18.

Emma, the daughter of Brian and Amy Hellevik, was selected from a panel of judges, who evaluated six entries.



*Emma Hellevik
2009 Youth Tour
delegate*

The judges evaluated 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.

"This opportunity could open many new doors for my future," wrote Emma in her essay. "I would hope to learn more about our country's government, gain even more leadership skills, and also meet some new people along the way."

During her visit to Washington, D.C., Emma 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.

Emma is presently completing her sophomore year at Medford High School. For the past two years, as a member of the Medford Student Council, Emma chaired a Halloween Carnival for children, with proceeds going to the Steele County Food Shelf.

Emma's other school activities include softball, musicals, FFA, BPA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Outdoor/Adventure Club and Girl's Fitness Club.

Hellevik is also active in her church through vocal and hand bell choir, where she has been a vocal soloist at weddings, funerals and other special events.

Emma's work experience includes Hein's Sweet Corn, Christ the King Church office assistant, and babysitting.

Steele-Waseca wishes to congratulate Emma for being named this year's delegate and is proud to have her representing the co-op in Washington, D.C. **SWC**