

**ATTENTION: High School Juniors and Seniors!**  
**Runestone Electric Youth Tour: June 16-21 2012**

Runestone Electric Association is seeking applicants for this *all-expense paid* trip to **Washington, D.C.**, for the 2012 Youth Tour, June 16-21.

For over 40 years, electric cooperatives have sponsored high school students from across America to visit the nation's capital and meet their members of Congress. You could be part of this tremendous opportunity.

This is not your ordinary sight-seeing tour. Students will see their government in action, cruise the Potomac, meet their congressional leaders, explore the Smithsonian museums, spend a day on Capitol Hill, and mingle with other teens from across the nation.

We combine leadership opportunities with just plain fun! There will be little time for sleep but lots of time for interaction and meeting new friends. Who wouldn't want to change their life in a profound way? Make it happen!

To be eligible, the student must meet the following requirement:

- ✚ Entrant is currently a high school student (age 16-18), and his or her parent/guardian is a Runestone Electric member.
- ✚ Entries must include the completed application form below, and a written essay, typewritten, double-spaced, on the future of energy. Here's the challenge:

*There are many serious challenges ahead of us. Traditional means of energy generation and distribution are being exhausted or challenged by environmental concerns.*  
**What steps do we need to take to ensure our energy future?**

Here are the rules:

- ◆ Please don't cut and paste off of a Google search – be original, be creative.
- ◆ Two or three pages should be enough.
- ◆ Essays may be submitted in either hard copy or electronic formats to Runestone Electric Association.
- ◆ Each essay must be accompanied by a cover page displaying the entrant's name, date of birth, school and grade, parental or guardian's name, address, and telephone number.
- ◆ Essays must arrive at Runestone Electric Association no later than **FEBRUARY 15, 2012**
- ◆ E-mailed entries should be directed to kimbyrne@rea-alp.com; hard copy entries should be mailed to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, Runestone Electric Association, Attn: Kim Byrne, P.O. Box 9, Alexandria, MN 56308.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ M or F \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a high school \_\_\_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Senior at \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian consent: I/we hereby give my/our dependent high school junior/senior permission to enter the Runestone Electric Association Youth Tour 2012 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 \_\_\_\_\_ REA ACCOUNT# \_\_\_\_\_

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