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Beltrami Electric Accepting Youth Tour Applications

Beltrami Electric Cooperative is once again accepting applications for its fun-filled 2011 Youth Tour, an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 11-16. Each year the cooperative sponsors one high school junior whose parent or guardian is a member of Beltrami Electric Cooperative.

The successful candidate will join hundreds of other high school cooperative representatives from across the nation as they tour our nation's capitol, meet members of congress, visit historic sites and learn the role government plays in the electric industry.

To qualify, candidates must submit an application, write a 500-word essay, and submit two letters of reference from teachers, group or community leaders and have a parent or guardian who is a member of Beltrami Electric Cooperative.

Applications must be received by Monday, March 21, 2011 and are available via download at Beltrami Electric's Web site (www.beltramielectric.com) or at the Beltrami Electric Cooperative office located at 4111 Technology Dr. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. Those interested should mail their applications, letters of recommendation, and essays to Youth Tour, Beltrami Electric Cooperative, Inc., PO Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619-0488.

For more information, contact Mitch Raile at Beltrami Electric, 218-444-3689 or visit www.youthtour.coop for exciting highlights of past Electric Cooperative Youth Tours.