

**Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.
2012 Youth Tour Application**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of parent(s) or guardian: _____

Beltrami Electric account number: _____

Name of school: _____

Grade: _____ Major interest of study: _____

Career interests: _____

School activities (class officer, plays, athletics, etc., including years involved):

Other activities (4-H, Scouts, FFA, FHA, church and other community activities including years involved, offices held, special recognition, etc.):

List any public speaking or writing experience:

Additional information that may be pertinent:

Attach your 500-word essay choosing one of the essay topics and two letters of reference from teachers, group or community leaders and return to the cooperative by Thursday, March 1, 2012.

Return to:

Youth Tour
Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.
PO Box 488
Bemidji, MN 56619-0488

Additional information can be found on the Beltrami Electric Web site at www.beltramielctric.com or by contacting Beltrami Electric Cooperative at 218-444-3689.

Youth Tour Essay Topics

“Describe how electric cooperatives operate based on the seven cooperative principles. Tell which of the seven cooperative principles you think is the most important and why?”

“Keeping the Lights On” Missouri Electric Cooperatives need to build a power plant to meet the growing demand for electricity. You have been selected to serve on the committee that will decide what type of power plant will be built. Share the results of this committee in your essay.

“How are electric cooperatives different from other electric utilities?”

“Together We Have the Power to Make a Difference.”

“What are the biggest challenges facing electric cooperatives today? How can cooperatives effectively meet those challenges?”

For the 2008 contest, we asked students to comment on the so-called "Youth Vote" and its possible significance in this year's presidential election.

How can you become a more responsible energy manager in your own home?

In 2008, Laclede Electric Cooperative will celebrate our 70th anniversary of providing convenience, comfort and productivity to our members. The past 70 years have been extremely successful. What do you think the next 70 years will look like for the electric industry in general and specifically for Laclede Electric Cooperative?

“The Importance of Energy in and Around the Home.”

What impacts can energy conservation have on Osage Valley Electric and You?”

“It’s 1937 and the REA (Ozark Electric Cooperative) is coming to your rural area. Convince your neighbors why they should sign up for electricity.”

“The top three things I can do to save energy.”

“How can rural electric cooperatives as member-owned utilities take the lead in energy efficiency and conservation?”

How does energy efficiency affect you as an individual member and the cooperative as a whole?

“Write elected official regarding renewable energy or energy conservation and how it impacts Three Rivers Electric Cooperative.”

“Energy efficiency and conservation remain hot topics as they have a considerable impact on the utility industry as well as the world in general. In your opinion, what is the most significant effect that energy efficiency and conservation have on our society?”

And here are some more options:

1. We've grown accustomed to having electricity on demand in the world we live in such as clicking a remote control to turn on a TV, using a computer, playing video games, or charging our cell phones. Describe the impact on your life and community in a world without electricity.
2. Describe the cooperative business model. Give examples of why this model works for your electric cooperative and the members that it serves.
3. We hear a lot in the media about renewable energy sources. Describe some renewable energy sources and explain how these renewable energy sources are important for you and your electric cooperative?
4. Touchstone Energy's **Our Energy, Our Future** campaign rallied over a million and a half citizens across America to actively engage in the energy conversation with their members of Congress. What makes this campaign so important for your electric cooperative?
5. You are in charge of the energy efficiency program at your school. Describe ways you would recommend for your school to use electricity more efficiently.