

# 2024 Youth Tour Essay Contest Winners Announced

Ozark Border Electric Cooperative’s Youth Tour Essay Contest challenges high school juniors to write an essay for the chance to win one of two all-expenses paid trips to the Rural Electric Youth Tour in Washington, D.C. The seven-day tour provides an action-filled week, offering students opportunities to experience first-hand what it is like to be involved in politics, leadership positions and community service.

Two second-place winners receive a trip to Jefferson City for the Cooperative Youth Conference & Leadership Experience (CYCLE). The four-day program includes nationally known speakers and a day at the state Capitol. The conference shows students more about electric cooperatives, Missouri government and teaches leadership skills. Five finalists also received a cash prize.

The two high school juniors chosen to represent OBEC at the 2024 Youth Tour in Washington D.C.: Kelis Miller & Leah Wright – Twin Rivers High School. CYCLE delegates: Scyler Zimmerman & Lacie Maclin – Puxico High School.

Finalists earning a cash prize: Carolina Seward, Laney Porter, Bryleigh Zoll, Kaylea Chasteen, Waylon Powell - Puxico High School.

## Washington D.C. Trip Winners



*Kelis Miller*  
*Twin Rivers High School*



*Leah Wright*  
*Twin Rivers High School*

## CYCLE Trip Winners



*Scyler Zimmerman*  
*Puxico High School*



*Lacie Maclin*  
*Puxico High School*



## Cash Prize Winners



*Carolina Seward*  
*Puxico High School*



*Laney Porter*  
*Puxico High School*



*Bryleigh Zoll*  
*Puxico High School*



*Kaylea Chasteen*  
*Puxico High School*



*Waylon Powell*  
*Puxico High School*