



# Menard Electric Cooperative

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative 

## Youth Day & Youth to Washington Tour



### Youth Day March 29, 2017

Several high school juniors representing Menard Electric will join with others from across the state for the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperative Youth Day.

Students will visit with local legislators at the Capitol in Springfield, hear from speakers, tour the Old State Capitol, and interview for the Youth to Washington Tour.

### Youth to Washington Tour June 9-16, 2017

Winners from throughout Illinois of an all-expenses-paid trip to the nation's capital will meet with Congressmen and tour many historic sites.

Many states across America participate in the event and past winners have dubbed it The Trip of a Lifetime! See a video at [www.youthtour.coop](http://www.youthtour.coop).

### How to Apply

Fill out the application [here](#). You must be a high school junior, live in a home with a parent or guardian who is a member of Menard Electric Cooperative, and be able to attend both events. Return the application to your high school counselor or directly to Michelle at [mmcneal@menard.com](mailto:mmcneal@menard.com). See [www.menard.com](http://www.menard.com) or call 800-872-1203 for questions.

**Applications must be received by February 21, 2017.**

Employees from the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives act as judges and review applications, choose students to conduct personal interviews with during the Youth Day activities, and announce winners that day. You must attend Youth Day to be eligible for the Youth to Washington Tour.



**MENARD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
YOUTH DAY March 29, 2017 PARTICIPATION FORM  
& YOUTH TOUR APPLICATION**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name (Co-op Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

*Applicants must be a Junior in High School and live in a home with a parent/guardian who is an active member of Menard Electric Cooperative.*

Please answer the questions below. You may use a separate document if you prefer. Be sure to have your parent/guardian sign the consent form.

**Activities**

Please list activities or organizations in which you currently participate or have participated in during the last three years. List any awards received, offices held, or special achievements or recognition received. You may include work experience and school, church, community or other activities.

**Future Educational Goals**

List what you think you might like to do/study after high school.

**4 Short Answer Questions:**

1) Why does the Youth to Washington Tour appeal to you?

2) What interests you the most about our governmental process and why?

3) How does democratic member control benefit a co-op such as Menard Electric?

4) Menard Electric Cooperative promotes energy efficiency through our monthly newsletter, Facebook Page, our website, and the website [www.togetherwesave.com](http://www.togetherwesave.com); name a few ways your family has, or could, use electricity more efficiently.

**Judging**

An employee from the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives will act as judge and review this application. Several applicants will be chosen to complete a short personal interview during the Youth Day event. The judge has sole discretion over choosing winners and his/her word is final. Winners and alternates will be announced on Youth Day.

**Student Signature**

I certify that the information above is correct. I have checked my schedule and can attend both the Youth Day in Springfield March 29, 2017, and the Youth to Washington Tour June 9-16, 2017, if chosen.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parent Acknowledgment**

I certify that I am an active member of Menard Electric Cooperative. I acknowledge that my child, if chosen, may attend the Youth to Washington Tour June 9-16, 2017 as sponsored by Menard Electric Cooperative.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ If my child is not chosen as a winner of the Tour, I wish to receive information on how to send him/her on the trip for the fee of approximately \$1,400 ( \$700 due May 2 & \$700 due June 1).

## Parent Consent

The undersigned, being the parent and/or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (student) agree and consent that he/she may participate in “The Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperative’s Youth Day” trip to and from Springfield, Illinois, coordinated by Menard Electric Cooperative on Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

In consideration for Menard Electric Cooperative’s sponsorship, including the provision of insurance coverage, adult chaperones and financial support, of the “Youth Day” the undersigned hereby release, remise and indemnify Menard Electric Cooperative, the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives and their employees, officers, directors and agents from any and all claims arising from our child/wards participation in this activity.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

### **Please Return to:**

Michelle McNeal

You may e-mail to: [mmcneal@menard.com](mailto:mmcneal@menard.com)

or print out and mail to:

Menard Electric Cooperative

Michelle McNeal

Po Box 200

Petersburg, IL 62675

**Must RECEIVE in office by February 21, 2017**