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Accepting Applications for High School Youth Tour Trip



T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative is looking for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors (**whose parents or guardians are members of T.I.P. REC**) with a passion for government and public service to apply for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to

Washington, D.C. in June!

For over 65 years, Iowa's locally owned rural electric cooperatives have been sending deserving rural Iowa students to our nation's capital to participate in the national electric cooperative Youth Tour.

One student will be selected from eligible candidates to attend the 2024 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., from June 15-21 along with 40 other student leaders from Iowa. The Iowa Youth Tour group will join with hundreds of students from across the country as they learn more about electric cooperatives and American history and come home with a greater understanding of their role as American citizens. Students will also learn about U.S. government and meet with their members of Congress. On the trip, students take in the sights of D.C. as they visit monuments, museums and historical landmarks. Students who go on Youth Tour often call it the trip of a lifetime!

When is Youth Tour? June 15-21, 2024 (orientation on the evening of June 15 in Des Moines, then fly out to D.C. on June 16)

Who can apply? Only children whose parents or guardians are members of T.I.P. REC are eligible to apply; the student must be a current sophomore, junior or senior. The application process consists of completing an application and answering a questionnaire.

How to apply? For more details and an application to apply go to tiprec.com/youth-tour. If you have any questions, please call our office at 800-934-7976.

Deadline to apply: March 15, 2024

What is the cost?

There is **NO** cost to the student who is selected to go on the trip. All expenses are paid by T.I.P. REC as part of our ongoing commitment to the youth in the communities we serve.

Attention Seniors - Scholarships Available

T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative takes pride in helping develop leaders in the communities we serve so we are offering a scholarship program to recognize academic and community achievements made by young adults. These scholarships are considered an investment in the economic future of rural areas.

T.I.P. REC is again offering three scholarship opportunities:

- One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to each school district in our service territory. These scholarship applicants must be graduating seniors whose parents/guardians are members of T.I.P. REC. Applicants must plan to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school.
- One \$1,000 will be awarded to a graduating senior that is planning to enroll in an accredited Lineworker Program. The applicants parents/guardians do not have to be a member of T.I.P. REC but the applicant must attend a high school within our service territory.
- In addition to the above scholarships, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to any T.I.P. REC intern who is planning to enroll in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school or accredited Lineworker Program.

All applicants must fill out a scholarship application and complete the scholarship submittal requirements listed on the application.

- Scholarships will be distributed to the student payable to the college they are attending and to the student.
- **The application deadline is April 12, 2024**, and the scholarships will be awarded in **May**.

You can find more information and the applications at tiprec.com/scholarship-opportunities or contact your High School guidance counselor.

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WEST DES MOINES
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JUDY SEARS FOR THE ACCOUNT OF
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CHARLES H. WILLIAMS FOR THE ACCOUNT
OF JUDY WILLIAMS, KEOTA
WILLIAMSON, RANDY OR REAIAH,
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If T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative does not hear from the owner within six (6) months of this notification, we are allowed to retain this property (per Iowa law) to be used for economic development, education or deliver this property to the State Treasurer's Office for disposition as abandoned property.

Suds and Savings

Your clothes washer and dryer account for a significant portion of energy consumption from major appliances, and let's face it - laundry is no one's favorite chore. Make the most of your laundry energy use! There are several easy ways you can save energy (and money) in the laundry room. The Department of Energy recommends the following tips for saving on suds:

- 1. Wash with cold water.** Switching from warm water to cold water can cut one load's energy use by more than half, and by using a cold-water detergent, you can still achieve that brilliant clean you'd normally get from washing in warm water.
- 2. Wash full loads when possible.** Your washing machine will use the same amount of energy no matter the size of the clothes load, so fill it up if you can.

3. **Use the high -speed or extended spin cycle in the washer.** This setting will remove more moisture before drying, reducing your drying time and the extra wear on clothing.
4. **Dry heavier cottons separately.** Loads will dry faster and more evenly if you separate heavier cottons like linens and towels from your lightweight clothing.
5. **Make use of the “cool down” cycle.** If your dryer has this cycle option, you can save energy because the clothes will finish drying with the remaining heat in the dryer.
6. **Use lower heat settings to dry clothing.** Regardless of drying time, you’ll still use less energy.
7. **Clean the lint filter after each drying cycle.**
8. **Purchase ENERGY STAR®-rated washers and dryers** which use about 20% less energy than conventional models.

State Law Requires Notification of Alternate Energy Production



In 2012, the Iowa Legislature approved a bill that requires notification to electric utilities prior to installing an alternate energy generator.

The notification requirement applies to any type of electric generating technology including:

- solar
- wind turbine
- waste management
- resource recovery
- refuse-derived fuel
- agricultural crops and residue

Under this legislation, the owner of an alternate energy production facility must provide **written** notification to their electric utility at least 30 days before construction or installation of the generator.

If you are considering installing an alternate energy system - please contact T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative at 800-934-7976. Let us provide information and assistance **BEFORE** making the decision to purchase any type of alternate energy system that requires interconnection with the electric grid.

Happy Retirement, Dana!



Dana Kilmer, (left), Journeyman Lineman, whose last day was December 21, 2023, is shown receiving an Appreciation handshake from Scott Long, CEO/General Manager, for his 30 years of dedicated service to T.I.P. REC.

Dana began work on September 2, 1993, as a Groundman on our Brooklyn crew. With hard work and dedication, he then completed the Apprentice Lineman program requirements and became a Journeyman Lineman.

We hope Dana enjoys this new chapter of his life and we wish him a long and healthy retirement!

Iowa Electric Cooperative Living Magazine Youth Tour Contest Available

In addition to having a chance to win a Youth Tour trip to Washington, D.C. from T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative, the *Iowa Electric Cooperative Living* magazine is also sponsoring an all-expenses paid Youth Tour trip. Any high school sophomore, junior or senior whose families are members of any electric co-op affiliated with the Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives is eligible.

The contest begins in February and the deadline to apply is late March. For specific contest details and to apply, entrants will need to go to the magazine’s website www.ieclmagazine.com. Students will want to submit entries into both contests so that if they don’t win T.I.P. REC’s contest then they still have a chance to win with this contest.

Don’t miss another opportunity to win this exciting and educational trip.

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- Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
- Fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
- Email: program.intake@usda.gov

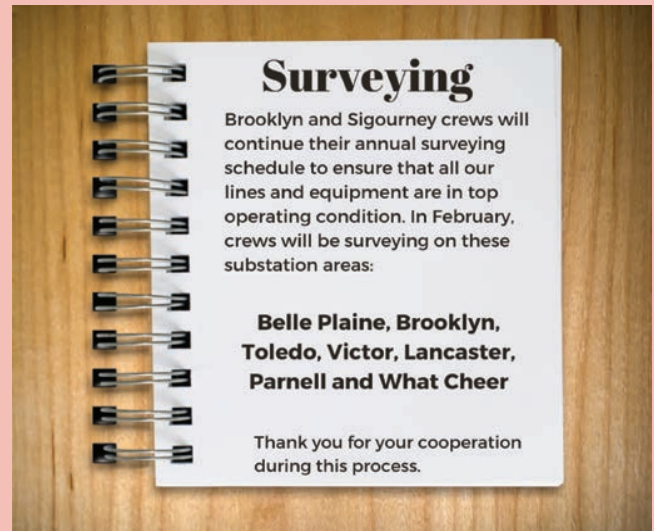
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Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Area rugs are an easy, cost-efficient solution to cold floors. Adding area rugs to hard-surface flooring can add warmth to any room and keep your feet cozy on cold winter days.

Choose rugs made from wool or other natural fibers and plush or high-pile textures for the most insulation. Place rugs in areas where you need additional warmth, like the foot of a bed or under a coffee table. Area rugs can enhance the aesthetic of your home and keep you cozier.



NOTICE: The Brooklyn office will be closed on Wednesday, February 14 from 7:00 am till Noon for an all-employee meeting.

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