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Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 Rural Electric Youth Day/Youth to Washington contest! This contest is open to high school juniors in the general service area of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative. An application form is enclosed, which includes a parental consent form. A sheet on the history of RECC is also enclosed, which should give you some background information for the application. You can also visit our web site at www.recc.coop or our national association at www.nreca.coop.

Based on these applications, ten area students will be selected to attend the **2020 Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day in Springfield on March 31**, visiting the Capitol and other historic sites, including the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. **Applications are due at our office by February 18, 2020.** I will notify all applicants about our selections for the Youth Day program by **February 25, 2020**, so they can schedule it on their school calendar. (March 31 is a Tuesday.) Two of those participants will be chosen later for the **Youth to Washington Tour, scheduled for June 19 through 26, 2020.**

Students on the Youth to Washington Tour will visit government offices, meet with their elected representatives, hear speakers on topics of the day and participate in activities with other youth from around Illinois and the country. As you can see, this is a very special event that allows a student the opportunity to see firsthand how our government operates. The tours are chaperoned by adults who are carefully selected from Illinois Electric Cooperative systems. Our participating students in recent years have really enjoyed their experiences at both the Springfield and the Washington events. To give you a better idea about plans for both Youth Day and Youth to Washington, you can go to the web site www.youthtour.coop.

Participants of the Illinois Youth Day may meet at RECC's office located east of Auburn on Highway 104 or go directly to the President Abraham Lincoln hotel in Springfield. Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative incurs all costs of the Illinois Youth Day for you, except personal items and traveling to and from the Cooperative office (*or downtown Springfield if you choose to drive yourself*).

I hope you'll complete the Youth Day/Youth to Washington application and **send it in by February 18, 2020.** Feel free to call my direct phone number (217-438-6198) if you have any questions. Good luck!

Sincerely,

Sandy Lex
Member Services Liaison