

## Immediate NEWS RELEASE

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## Now Accepting Applications for Trip of a Lifetime

**ORONOCO, MN, January 26, 2016** — High school students from across Minnesota will travel to Washington, D.C. on June 11-16, 2016, to join more than 1,600 other students from around the nation for the 2016 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. Celebrating its 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this year, the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour has educated and inspired nearly 50,000 students on what many participants refer to as a "trip of a lifetime".

"The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students from Minnesota, and we're proud to send one student member from our service territory to Washington, DC to participate," said Elaine Garry, cooperative president and CEO. "These students will gain a first-hand understanding of the legislative process and make connections with others from across the country that often last a lifetime. Our youth are the future for our community and our country, and we can give them the tools to succeed. We look forward to this year's trip, and continuing the Youth Tour tradition for another 50 years."

Students on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour will participate in leadership training, engage in one-on-one conversations with elected officials, jumpstart their national peer network and tour Washington, D.C.

Interested juniors and seniors must apply and are selected by the Member Relations Department. This opportunity is fully sponsored by People's Energy Cooperative. For more an application and more information, visit ww.peoplesenergy.coop.

## **About People's Energy Cooperative**

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating nearly 80 years of delivering retail electric power to its nearly 18,800 member-owners in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois).

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