

# **Opportunities for Junior High & High School Students January 2023**

**Lyon Rural Washington DC Trip Opportunity** - Lyon Rural Electric Washington, D.C. Youth Trip - Lyon Rural Electric Cooperative provides an all expense paid trip to Washington DC for two high school juniors in Lyon REC's service area. Parents do not need to be members of Lyon REC, just reside in the service area. The Youth Tour will be June 17-23. The contest consists of a written test based on information about the local REC and the history of Rural Electrics and other criteria. The test consists of approximately 45 questions. See Miss Mulder if you are interested in taking the test. Tests must be taken at West Lyon by March 13.

**Cancer Unwrapped Teen Writing Contest** – this annual event encourages teens in grades 9-12 to write about their experience with cancer for the opportunity to win one of several \$1000 prizes. For more information and to submit your essay go to: [cancerpathways.org/cancer-unwrapped](https://cancerpathways.org/cancer-unwrapped) . Entries must be in the form of an essay only and must not exceed 1500 words. **Deadline is March 3.**

**Western Iowa Tech Exploring Careers & Visit Days** – WIT is offering an Exploring Careers Visit Day on April 14 for students that may be unsure of a career path. This is an opportunity for Grades 10-12 to visit 3 different programs and visit with instructors. They will also have opportunity to tour the campus. In addition, on April 26, WIT will host an All-Program Visit Day for juniors & seniors. Go register, go to: <https://www2.witcc.edu/recruiting> .

**Brick Layers & Allied Craftworkers (BAC) Open House** – The Mason Institute of Iowa is hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Wed, March 22 from 10am-12:30pm, for juniors and seniors to learn more about the Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (BAC) mason mechanic support and apprenticeship programs. The visit will include: tour of the training center, info on the BAC's mason mechanic support and pre-apprentice programs, how to apply to the BAC3 and benefits and wages, career advancement opportunities and hands-on bricklaying. Space is limited, so RSVP today. To learn more about the bricklaying apprenticeship, visit [www.iwanttobeabricklayer.com](http://www.iwanttobeabricklayer.com).

**Horatio Alger Association Junior Scholarship** – This scholarship program provides financial assistance to students throughout the nation who have significant financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. The scholarships are given to deserving students each year and range in award value from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Applicants must be high school juniors. Students may apply online at [scholars.horatioalger.org](http://scholars.horatioalger.org) . **Deadline is March 15.**

**Accelerated Aviation Instruction** – students interested in flight training after high school may want to check into this aviation program out of Owatonna, MN. You can take college either through an aviation degree, any other degree online or locally where are flight instructing. Take these accelerated flight lessons and become a CFI in 5

months. For more information go to [www.Accelerated-Aviation.com](http://www.Accelerated-Aviation.com) . Information brochures are available in Miss Mulder's office.

**North West REC Youth Tour Trip** - At North West REC one way we invest in the next generation of rural Iowa leaders is by participating in the national Electric Cooperative Youth Tour program. We're looking for two high school junior students with a passion for government and public service to apply for a **once-in-a-lifetime all-expense paid trip to our nation's capital** in June. Two students will be selected from eligible candidates to attend the 2023 Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., from June 17-23 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 an American citizen. 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! Dependents of North West REC member-consumers are eligible to apply. The student must be a current junior high school student. You can download our youth tour application at [www.nwrec.coop](http://www.nwrec.coop). You can also call 800-766-2099, email [nwrec@nwrec.coop](mailto:nwrec@nwrec.coop), or stop by our office and we can get you a copy. Contact the office for more info. **Deadline is February 10.**

**NCC Thunder Fridays in Sheldon** – NCC hosts these Thunder Fridays for juniors and seniors interested in learning more about NCC. Juniors and seniors that attend a Thunder Friday Visit Day will receive \$100 of Thunder Cash in the form of a debit card used for NCC merchandise at the NCC College Store. Limit one per academic year. Visit days include a campus tour, a program meeting, a current NCC student session and an Admissions meeting. Days available for all programs (except Powerline) are: Dec 2, Jan 27, Feb 3, March 24 & April 28. Powerline visit days are: Jan 20, Feb 17, March 17 and April 21. For more information, go to : [thunderfridays.com](http://thunderfridays.com) .

**Briar Cliff Program Visit Days** – These days will give students the chance to experience firsthand the project-based learning, faculty expertise, and academic excitement that is Briar Cliff. All events are free and open to any high school students in the greater Siouxland area. Attend a program visit day and receive a \$2000 visit incentive scholarship. Programs and dates are: Business & Media Communications Careers – Feb 17; Social Work Careers – Feb 3, Health Careers – Feb 10, Feb 24, Mar 10, Mar 24. For more information, go to: <https://www.briarcliff.edu/future-chargers/schedule-a-visit/program-visit-days> .

**Des Moines University High School Summit** – DMU will be hosting a virtual high school summit on June 14, 2023. This event provides students with the opportunity to explore different career paths, participate in interactive sessions, and talk with graduate students about the path to health professions school. For more information, go to: [DMU.EDU/HSSUMMIT](http://DMU.EDU/HSSUMMIT) . **Deadline to register is June 7.**

**Drake Physics Prize** – this scholarship opportunity encourages interest in physics, astronomy and physical sciences. The examination is open to any students enrolled in high school in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska. It will cover topics in physics normally covered in the first semester of high school physics. The test will be given virtually sometime between February 1 and 3. More information can be found at: <https://www.drake.edu/physics/physicsprize/index.php> .

**Sanford MedX ASPIRE Virtual Program** – ASPIRE is the Sanford MedX new career center and is geared for high school students who are interested in health careers. MedX Virtual is a FREE program that offers participants the opportunity to interact with health professionals working in 20+ areas of healthcare, encouraging exploration and fueling deeper-dives into students' health career interests. Due to the success of the program, Sanford Health is offering MedX Virtual to all Sanford, Network and Good Samaritan Society communities. MedX Virtual will be held in Zoom and some sessions will be recorded for future viewing. Students will need to apply for the program and be accepted to receive pre-event video links and session guide sheets. Proposed topics include careers in Nursing, Rad Tech, Surgical, Therapies, Trauma, Peds, Labor & Delivery, etc. Session dates planned are: Feb 7 & 21, March 7 & 21 and April 4. See Miss Mulder for more information on how to register and apply.

**Southeast Tech, Sioux Falls** – Southeast Tech has a variety of campus visit programs coming up. If students are interested, they are asked to see Miss Mulder.

- [Campus Visit Days](#) for Juniors & Seniors (Feb. 3 and March 3)
- Career Exploration Events –May 10 – these events are for students in grades 9-12 and they allow students to explore an Industry versus one specific major. See Miss Mulder for more information if you are interested.

**American College Foundation – Visionary Scholarship Program** - the American College Foundation will award multiple winners in grades 9-12 with this scholarship ranging from \$1000 to \$2500. Applications consist of a completed Visionary Scholarship application, a copy of your high school transcript, and a 500 word typed essay. Applications will be judged on the ability to follow guidelines, grammar and punctuation, and the merit of the written essay. Learn more and apply at [www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org](http://www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org) . **Spring Deadline is June 1.**

**Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminars** - current sophomores are encouraged to apply for this program. The leadership seminars will be June 9-11 at Drake University. If interested, see Miss Mulder.