



Washington Youth Tour

Each summer, Diverse Power Incorporated sends two high school students as Georgia delegates on the annual Washington Youth Tour (WYT), a weeklong event sponsored by the nation's electric cooperatives since 1964.

About 1,400 high school students from all across the nation convene in Washington D.C. each June for this fast-paced, activity-packed tour of the nation's capitol, which includes leadership training for a truly unique experience.

Rep. Brooks Coleman, chairman of the Georgia House Education Committee and keynote speaker at the 2006 Georgia WYT kickoff banquet, calls the tour a "life-changing experience" that allows students to see government in action.

"They get to rub elbows with their elected officials and interact with students from all over the country," says Coleman. "We're talking about the cream of the crop—students thirsting for knowledge. This tour acts as a launching pad for their future as leaders."

Typical tour stops include the Smithsonian museums, monuments, The Kennedy Center, White House and the Capital. Delegates have opportunity to meet and interact with senators and representatives from their home state, as well as meeting fellow student delegates from other states.

Georgia's 2006 Washington Youth Tour delegation was the largest ever, with 99 students attending. To apply for the all-expenses-paid 2007 WYT, contact Diverse Power at (706) 845-2000.