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To enter the essay-writing contest:

- You must be a sophomore or junior in high school.
- You and your parents or guardian must be served by Verendrye Electric Cooperative.

Essay question:

As member-owned organizations, electric cooperatives are always seeking new ways to engage their members. What are some ways electric cooperatives can better communicate and connect, especially with students and young adults?

The application deadline is Jan. 16, 2026.

Questions? Please contact Kristie Hoff, Verendrye Electric Cooperative, at 701-338-2855 during regular business hours.

Email entries to Kristie Hoff at kristiekh@verendrye.com or mail a hard copy to: Youth Tour Essay Contest, 615 Highway 52 West, Velva, ND, 58790-7417.

