

January 2025

# Newsletter



## Youth to Washington Applications Now Open!

Do you have a high school sophomore or junior in your family who would love an unforgettable educational experience? Applications are now open for the annual Youth to Washington Tour, a week-long, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.!

This incredible opportunity allows students to join their peers from across the United States as they explore our nation's capital. Highlights include visits to iconic landmarks such as the Lincoln Memorial, the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery, and more. It's a chance for young leaders to learn about history, government, and culture—all while building friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

Two local winners will be announced at Youth Day in Springfield on March 5, 2025. Don't let your student miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Encourage them to apply online today at [www.midcentury.com](http://www.midcentury.com).

Give the young leaders in your life the opportunity to see history come alive!

## Exciting Opportunity for Your Student: \$3,000 FRS Scholarship!

Mid Century Telephone Cooperative is thrilled to offer a fantastic opportunity for high school seniors in your family. Through our partnership with the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS), we are proud to offer a \$3,000 scholarship to help support their educational journey!

This scholarship is made possible through a collaboration where FRS will contribute \$2,000, and Mid Century will provide the additional \$1,000. It's a wonderful opportunity to assist your student in pursuing their college or technical school goals.

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Above: Students touring the National Statuary Hall, Washington, D.C.

Our 2024 Youth Tour Representatives, Morgan Wagner, Canton High School and Noah France, V.I.T. High School standing next to a cannon at the Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA.



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If your son or daughter, or grandchild, is a high school senior and has a parent or guardian who is a member of Mid Century Telephone Cooperative, they are eligible to apply! Whether they're planning to attend college or a trade school, this scholarship can help ease the financial burden and open doors to new opportunities.

Encourage your student to apply today for a chance to receive \$3,000 toward their future!

Application Deadline: All applications must be submitted online by February 14, 2025.

For full details and to apply, visit [www.midcentury.com](http://www.midcentury.com). This is an exciting opportunity to help invest in your student's future—don't let them miss out!



## Make Data Privacy a Priority This January 28

As our online and offline worlds become increasingly intertwined, Data Privacy Day on January 28 serves as a timely reminder to prioritize the protection of our personal information. In today's digital age, we often don't think about data privacy until it's too late—when our information has already been compromised.

From managing finances to staying connected with friends and family, we rely on digital tools for nearly every aspect of daily life. This increased dependence highlights the importance of carefully considering what we share about ourselves, when and where we share it, and who

we share it with. Data Privacy Day is part of the global 'STOP. THINK. CONNECT.' campaign—an initiative led by the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) to promote online safety, security, and privacy. Take this opportunity to reflect on your digital habits and commit to safeguarding your personal data in the year ahead.

## Make the Switch to Paperless Billing and Enter to Win a \$50 Bill Credit!

Ready to go green and save time? Switch to paperless billing today and enjoy the convenience of receiving and paying your bills electronically! Plus, when you make the switch, you'll be entered into our monthly "Going Paperless" drawing for a chance to win a \$50 bill credit!

It's easy to get started—simply call us at 309-778-8611 or send us a text at 309-778-3278, and let us know you'd like to switch to paperless billing. Make the change today, and you could be the next winner while helping the environment!

### Monthly Bill Credit Winners

- Roy Slater (October 2024)
- Harlan Cook (November 2024)

### Paperless Billing Winners

- Becky Watters (October 2024)
- Tiffani Simmons (November 2024)

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