



Youth Leadership Conference

UW–Stout | July 14-16, 2026



The annual **Youth Leadership Conference** is a dynamic three-day event for high school students across Wisconsin to develop their **leadership skills** while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of **cooperative businesses**.

Take the opportunity to...

- See **what makes the cooperative business model different and successful**, then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Identify and learn how to develop your own **leadership skills**.
- Discuss **cooperative careers** with industry professionals.
- Be **entertained and challenged** by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and talk about topics that are relevant in your life.

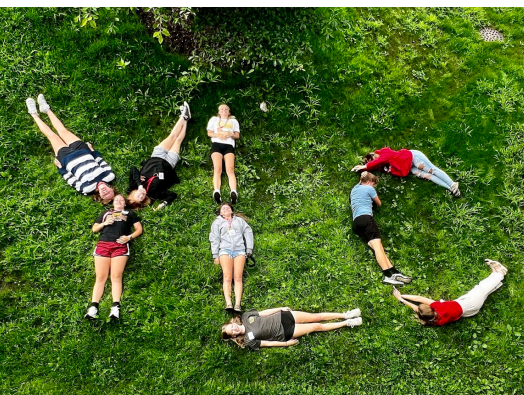
Ready to lead, create, and make your voice heard? This teen-powered leadership conference is **run by teens, for teens**—and it's all planned by a youth board elected at last year's event. Step up, speak out, and shape the future!"

Who should apply?

- High school students with family members who belong to a participating electric cooperative.
- Students active in their school and community.
- Students who are interested in learning more about the cooperative business model.

What does it cost?

- All registration costs* are covered by the generous support of your local cooperative.
- Students should contact their cooperative to apply for a full sponsorship.





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Sign up today!

Students

- Contact your local participating electric cooperative to request sponsorship and registration forms to attend the Youth Leadership Conference.

Cooperatives

- Identify the student(s) and chaperone(s) to attend the Youth Leadership Conference.
- All student and chaperone(s) information should be added to the the Google Docs form **no later than June 23, 2026.**
- ***No refunds for student or chaperone cancellation(s) after Friday, June 27, 2026.***

"This is one the best opportunities you will be given and the experience is unforgettable!! Go for it and sign up!"

~2023 YLC Participant

"Want to enhance your leadership skills and experience? Want to add to your resume? Want to have fun? Want it to be free? Come to YLC and have zero regrets!"

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Questions?

If you would like more information regarding the program or registration, please contact:

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Or contact your local electric cooperative.



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