

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT UW - STOUT



The annual Wisconsin Energy Cooperative Association (WECA) Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders from across Wisconsin to develop their leadership skills while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of cooperative businesses. YLC has been held each summer since 1963.

Who is eligible to attend?

- Oconto Electric Cooperative (OEC) will sponsor students to attend the 2026 YLC at UW-Stout, July 14-16, 2026.
- Student must be a son or daughter (or under legal guardianship) residing in the same household of an active OEC member.
- Student must be entering his/her sophomore, junior, or senior year in the fall of 2026.

What does it cost?

All costs are covered by OEC, including transportation to and from UW-Stout.

Take the opportunity to...

- See what makes the cooperative business model different and successful, then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.

- Work together with other youth leaders from around Wisconsin to demonstrate the power and value of cooperation.
- Identify and develop your own leadership skills.
- Learn some of the important history that has shaped today's cooperatives.
- Discuss cooperative careers with professionals in the industry.
- Be entertained and challenged by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and address topics that are important and relevant in your life.
- Spend three days on a college campus and experience a typical college environment, complete with living in the residence halls, attending sessions throughout campus, and even experiencing a university dining service.

The Youth Leadership Conference is a “by teens, for teens” conference that is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year’s event.

Interested? Here’s how to apply...

Space is limited. Deadline to sign up is June 19.

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