



YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HOLIDAY INN SOUTH 4751 OWEN AYRES CT. EAU CLAIRE, WI




MARCH 6-7
2017

Co-ops Build Leadership

DISCOVER YOUR BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS!

Learn how to utilize your skills and "tools" to lead and see how cooperative businesses do this every day.

The **Co-ops Yes! Youth Leadership Conference** is a youth-led event for Minnesota and Wisconsin high school students who want to develop their leadership skills and are curious about cooperatives.

-  **Learn from the experts!** Is a co-op career in your future? Take the opportunity to interact with cooperative leaders and business professionals to find out.
-  **Get motivated!** Whether you struggle with peers or simply want to become a better leader, learn life lessons that will hit home and move you to action.
-  **Have fun!** Work as a team and share some laughs with fellow students from across Minnesota and Wisconsin. There will definitely be a T-shirt and maybe even some dancing (or singing) involved.

Take the leap

Co-ops Yes! is \$230 per participant and is open to Minnesota and Wisconsin high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Local co-ops and affiliated groups fully sponsor participants and chaperones to attend. Contact your local co-op for details; visit bit.ly/findacoop to find a co-op in your area; or contact Ethan Giebel to get connected.

Registration forms are available online at www.cooperativenetwork.coop. Cooperative Network must receive all completed forms and payments by **Feb. 17, 2017.**

Questions?

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DID YOU KNOW?

From your local electric utility to Fortune 500 companies, co-ops are everywhere.



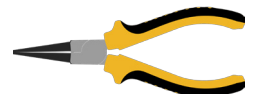
Minnesota and Wisconsin have the most co-ops in the nation.



When you join a co-op, you are not only a MEMBER—you are an OWNER.



Co-ops exist to meet a community need—NOT to make money.





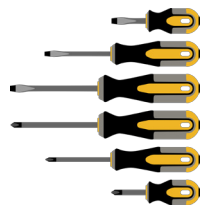
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MONDAY, MARCH 6

- 8–10 a.m. **Registration**
- 10–10:45 a.m. **Opening Session** *(Venice/Florence)*
 Welcome & Overview
 Cooperative Network Youth Board Intros
 Youth Mixer
 Putting YOU on the YOUth Board
(campaigning for a 2017–18 board seat)
 Let's Cooperate
(conference information and hotel rules)
- 10:45–12:15 **Co-ops 101**
 Jesus Lucero
 USA Co-op Youth Council
- 12:15–1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00–1:50 p.m. **Co-Labbing Cooperative Style**
 Margie Hylkema & Mickella Geary
 Organic Valley/CROPP Cooperative
 (La Farge, Wis.)
- 1:50–2:50 p.m. **Directing my Career in Cooperatives**
 Beth Oliphant
 FCC Services
- 2:50–3:10 p.m. **Break**
- 3:10–6:10 p.m. **Breakthrough Leadership**
 Craig Hillier, CSP, Winning Edge Seminars
 (Lakeville, Minn.)
- 6:10 p.m. **Youth Board Interviews** *(Milan I & II)*
- 6:30–7:20 p.m. **Group Photos**
 Please be downstairs and ready for pictures at
 6:30 p.m. unless you have been directed otherwise.
- 7:20–8:20 p.m. **Banquet** *(Naples, Venice, Florence)*
- 8:20–9:35 p.m. **Hypnotist**
 Dr. Al Snyder (Mondovi, Wis.)
- 9:45 p.m. **Dance**
- Midnight **Lights Out!**



TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- 6:50–7:35 a.m. **Breakfast** *(Johnny's Italian Steakhouse)*
- 7:40–8:45 a.m. **General Session** *(Venice/Florence)*
 Welcome & Eye Opener (Youth Board)
 2017–18 Youth Board Elections
- 8:50–9:25 a.m. **Breakout Session I**
 Choose from the following:
- There's a Co-op Career for That!** *(Naples)*
 Kristen Henning & Fawn McNamara,
 Harvest Land Cooperative (Morgan, Minn.)
- Lifelong Financial Fitness:
 An Interactive Panel Discussion** *(Milan I)*
*Presented by the Minnesota Credit Union
 Foundation Scholarship Council*
 Bridget Petersen
 SPIRE Credit Union
 (Falcon Heights, Minn.)
 Amanda Kissner
 Wakota Federal Credit Union
 (South Saint Paul, Minn.)
- Leadership Through Cooperation** *(Florence)*
 Lisa Konkel, Big Foot High School
 (Walworth, Wis.)
- 9:30–10:05 a.m. **Breakout Session II**
 Choose from the sessions above.
- 10:05–10:30 a.m. **Break**
 Check out of hotel rooms.
- 10:30–11:30 a.m. **Building Your Leadership Blueprint**
(Venice/Florence)
 Alison Wedig, Leadership Facilitator
 (Madison, Wis.)
- 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m. **Closing Session**
 Slideshow of Conference
 Closing Remarks by 2016–17 Youth Board
 Announcement of 2017–18 Youth Board
- 12 p.m. **Pick Up Box Lunches**

