



# YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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

MARCH  
7 - 8  
2016



## DISCOVER YOUR SUPERHERO STRENGTH!

Learn how to embrace and use your strengths for the greater good, 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



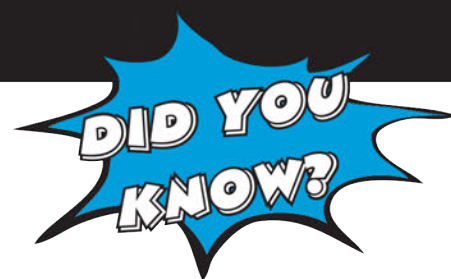
Co-ops Yes! is open to Minnesota and Wisconsin high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

If you would like to be one of the four high school students attending this compelling, all-expenses paid leadership conference, please contact Katie at 920-846-2816.

**Registration deadline date is Monday, January 18.**

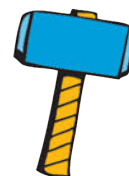
### Questions?

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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.



## MONDAY, MARCH 7

- 8-10 a.m. **Registration**
- 10-11 a.m. **Opening Session**  

 Welcome & Overview  
 Cooperative Network Youth Board Intros  
 Youth Mixer  
 Reporting on Youth Board Activities  
 Putting YOU on the YOUth Board  
*(campaigning for a 2016-17 board seat)*  
 Let's Cooperate  
*(conference information and hotel rules)*
- 11-noon **Co-ops 101**  
 Emily Lippold Cheney,  
 Youth Traveling Cooperative Institute  
 (Minneapolis, Minn.)
- Noon-1 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1-2 p.m. **Democratic Member Control**  
 Margie Hylkema,  
 CROPP Cooperative/Organic Valley/Organic Prairie  
 (La Farge, Wis.)
- 2-2:10 p.m. **Break**
- 2:10-2:50 p.m. **Principle 7: Concern for Community**  
 Speaker TBD, CHS, Inc.  
 (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.)
- 2:50-3 p.m. **Break**
- 3-6 p.m. **Breakthrough Leadership**  
 Craig Hillier, CSP, Winning Edge Seminars  
 (Lakeville, Minn.)
- 6:10 p.m. **Youth Board Interviews**
- 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**
- 8:20-9:35 p.m. **Hypnotist**  
 Dr. Al Snyder (Mondovi, Wis.)
- 9:45 p.m. **Dance**
- Midnight **Lights Out!**

## TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- 6:50-7:35 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 7:40-8:45 a.m. **General Session**  
 Welcome & Eye Opener (Youth Board)  
 2016-17 Youth Board Elections
- 8:50-9:25 a.m. **Breakout Session I**  
*Choose from the following:*  
**There's a Co-op Career for That!**  
 Kristen Henning & Fawn McNamara, Harvest  
 Land Cooperative (Morgan, Minn.)  
**Credit Unions: The Co-op Difference**  
 Rhea Hogden, Co-op Credit Union  
 (Black River Falls, Wis.)  
 Paul Kurth, Central City Credit Union  
 (Marshfield, Wis.)  
**Leadership through Cooperation**  
 Lisa Konkel & Jeanne Case,  
 Big Foot High School (Walworth, Wis.)  
**Effective Communications**  
 Speaker TBD
- 9:30-10:05 a.m. **Breakout Session II**  
*Choose from the sessions above.*
- 10:05-10:20 a.m. **Break**  
*Check out of hotel rooms.*
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. **Change It Up**  
 Vince Pellegrini, Motivational Speaker  
 (Chico, Calif.)
- 11:30-12:10 p.m. **Closing Session**  
 Slideshow of Conference  
 Closing Remarks by 2015-16 Youth Board  
 Announcement of 2016-17 Youth Board
- 12:10 p.m. **Pick Up Box Lunches**

