

What's this conference all about?

Cooperative Network proudly offers the Co-ops YES! Youth Leadership Conference on March 19-20, 2012 at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire, Wis. Through this dynamic experience, young people from Minnesota and Wisconsin will learn to understand and appreciate the purpose, operation and scope of cooperative business.



Who is encouraged to attend?

- High school students in grades 10-12 are eligible.
- Students that are members of FFA, 4-H, DECA, FBLA, FHA/HERO, VICA, HOSA and other groups would be excellent candidates for the conference.
- Students whose parents and grandparents are members of cooperatives in your hometown also make great candidates.

How can I get involved?

Registration forms for students and chaperones are available online (make additional copies as needed). Completed registration forms with payment and signed release form must be received at the Cooperative Network Madison office no later than **February 23, 2012**. Mail completed forms and checks to:

Cooperative Network
1 South Pinckney Street, Suite 810
Madison, WI 53703-2869

What does it cost?

Due to the generous contributions from member cooperatives, we are able to offer this two-day conference for only **\$190 per person**. The registration fee covers food, lodging, speaker fees, conference T-shirt, and educational materials.

Cooperatives are encouraged to work with their local agriculture instructors, business education teachers, vocational student organization advisors, and 4-H leaders to identify potential students to sponsor to this conference.

Cooperatives who are not Cooperative Network members may still sponsor students to the conference.

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Agenda

Monday, March 19

8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Opening Session Welcome and Overview of Conference Cooperative Network Youth Board Introductions Youth Mixer Reporting Back on Youth Board Activities Running for the Youth Board Let's Cooperate
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World Joan Behr, Director of Communications and Brand Management Foremost Farms USA, Baraboo, Wis.
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World (continued)
2:05 p.m.–2:50 p.m.	Team Meetings
2:50 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.	Breakthrough Leadership <i>Conducted by Craig Hillier, CSP Winning Edge Seminars, Lakeville, Minn.</i>
6:10 p.m.	Interviews Youth Board Interviews 4-H Interviews
6:30 p.m.–7:20 p.m.	Group Photos
7:20 p.m.–8:20 p.m.	Banquet Greetings from Minnesota FFA Greetings from Wisconsin FFA
8:20 p.m.–9:35 p.m.	Hypnotist <i>Dr. Al Snyder, Mondovi, Wis.</i>
9:45 p.m.	Dance
12:00 a.m.	Lights Out!

Tuesday, March 20

7:00 a.m.–7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
7:50 a.m.–8:30 a.m.	General Session Welcome & Eye Opener Cooperative Network Youth Board Officers & Wisconsin State FFA Officers
8:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions Choose two of the three sessions 8:30 a.m.–9:05 a.m. Session I 9:10 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Session II Session Topics Credit Unions: A Financial Cooperative, A Career Is There a Cooperative in Your Future? Your Role in Politics Self-Awareness Leadership Through Cooperation Choice—Chance—Control
9:50 a.m.–10:45 a.m.	SOS Players From Hudson, Wis., the acting troupe's primary goal is to promote individual responsibility and demonstrate the power that each person has to determine their future by the choices they make. SOS aims to leave each student feeling hopeful, empowered, and informed.
10:45 a.m.	Break Check-out of Hotel Rooms
11:10 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	General Session Election of Youth Board Closing Presentation Closing Remarks by Youth Board Pictures of the 2012 Conference Announcement of 2012-2013 Youth Board Officers
12:00 p.m.	Pickup Box Lunches & Depart

