

2021 WECA Youth Leadership Congress

ESSAY CONTEST RULES

All students participating in the 2021 Youth Leadership Congress are eligible and strongly encouraged to enter the WECA ESSAY CONTEST. Scholarships are awarded as follows to the authors of the top three essays:

1st place – \$1,000

2nd place – \$500

3rd place – \$250

Scholarships are paid to winning students upon presentation of proof of registration at any accredited college, university, or technical school in any state.

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Essay Topic: While energy is a large part of an electric cooperative's mission, in what other capacity do they invest in the communities they serve outside of bringing broadband technology to rural areas? What is the importance of this action(s)? What things do you think the cooperatives could be doing for the community that isn't already being done?

1. Students are encouraged to use personal experiences to demonstrate their understanding of the value of cooperation in their lives.
 2. Students can reach out to their local electric cooperative for information pertaining to the essay topic.
 3. Knowledge of the subject, originality, grammar, spelling, and neatness will be factors used in judging essays.
 4. Only essays postmarked by the due date or received via email by 11:59 p.m. will be eligible to win.
 5. Essays must be a minimum of 600 words, but not more than 1,200 words.
 6. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, and on white letter-sized paper. Essays will be copied for distribution to the judges, so please be sure your essay will copy clearly.
 7. Students may win a WECA essay scholarship only once. If a student is awarded a scholarship the first year they enter, he or she may not enter the contest again.
 8. Scholarships must be claimed within 2 years of receiving your notification of scholarship selection.
 9. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY. YOU MUST INCLUDE THE ENTRY FORM.**
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Essays must be emailed to tina@weca.coop or mailed to:

**WECA
WECA Essay Contest
222 W. Washington Ave, Suite 680
Madison, WI 53703-2719**

**ESSAYS MUST BE EITHER BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 27, 2021
OR RECEIVED VIA EMAIL BY 11:59 P.M. ON AUGUST 27, 2021.**

**2021 WECA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONGRESS
ESSAY CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

NAME: _____
Please do NOT put your name on the essay. Put your name on this form ONLY

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PARENT / GURADIAN NAMES: _____

SPONSORING COOPERATIVE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

YEAR IN SCHOOL (As of September 1, 2021): _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

*Email this form, along with your essay to tina@weca.coop
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