

2010 WECA Youth Leadership Congress ESSAY CONTEST RULES

All students participating in the 2010 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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1. The subject of the essay is "Cooperatives—A Different Way of Doing Business."
 2. Essays will be based on information presented at the WECA Youth Leadership Congress. Students are encouraged to use personal experiences to demonstrate their understanding of the value of cooperation in their lives.
 3. Knowledge of the subject, originality, grammar, spelling, and neatness will be factors used in judging essays.
 4. A panel of three judges will judge essays. Only essays received by the due date will be judged.
 5. Essays must be a minimum of 600 words and not more than 1,200 words (approximately 2 to 4 typewritten pages).
 6. Essays must be typed or computer generated, double spaced, and on white letter-sized paper. (Essays will need to be copied for distribution to the judges – please be sure the 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. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY.** Be sure to use an Essay Contest form.
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Essays must be mailed to:
WECA Essay Contest
WECA
131 West Wilson St., Suite 400
Madison, WI 53703

**ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN August 25, 2010**