

**Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services
2018 Youth Leadership Congress and
Student Scholarship Program
ESSAY CONTEST RULES**

Students participating in the 2018 Youth Leadership Congress are eligible and strongly encouraged to enter the Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services Student Scholarship Essay Contest. The three top essays will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

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. Student must be a son/daughter (or under legal guardianship) of an **active member** of PPCS residing in the same household.
 2. Student must be entering his/her senior year of high school in the fall 2018 and must have attended Youth Leadership Congress in July 2018.
 3. The subject of the essay is "**Cooperative Principles in Action.**" Students will choose just one of the Seven Cooperative Principles and elaborate on how cooperatives put the particular principle of their choosing into action.
 4. Essays should be based on information presented at the 2018 WECA Youth Leadership Congress. Students are encouraged to use personal experiences to demonstrate their understanding of the value of cooperation in their lives.
 5. Knowledge of the subject, originality, grammar, spelling, and neatness will be factors used in judging essays.
 6. A panel of three judges will judge essays. Only essays postmarked by the due date will be judged.
 7. Essays must be a minimum of 600 words and not more than 1,200 words (approximately 2 to 4 typewritten pages).
 8. Essays must be typed, double spaced and on white letter-sized paper. (Essays will need to be copied for distribution to the judges, so please be sure your essay will copy clearly.)
 9. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ESSAY.** Be sure to include an Essay Contest form.

Essays must be mailed to:
Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services
Attn: Scholarship Essay Contest
PO Box 420, Ellsworth WI 54011-0420

ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 26, 2018