

2018 WECA Youth Leadership Congress ESSAY CONTEST RULES

All students participating in the 2018 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 **“Cooperative Principles in Action.”**
 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 postmarked by the due date will be eligible to win.
 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, 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.** Be sure to use an Essay Contest form.
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Essays must be mailed to:

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

**ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED
NO LATER THAN August 26, 2018**