

PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RURAL STUDENTS

Iowa's electric cooperatives are proud to continue their long-standing commitment to supporting the next generation of leaders. For decades, they've invested in high school students through scholarships, leadership programs and the electric cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

That commitment continues this fall with the return of the **Iowa Youth Leadership Academy**, a free, three-part webinar series designed for high school students in rural communities. Held throughout October, the virtual program will focus on advocacy, leadership and the cooperative business model – key themes reflecting the mission of electric cooperatives to empower communities.

The Iowa Youth Leadership Academy is open to all high school students who live in areas served by electric cooperatives. The following sessions will be hosted via Zoom and last approximately 45 to 60 minutes each:

- **Thursday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.**
The Cooperative Business Model
- **Tuesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.**
Advocacy
- **Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.**
Leadership



WANTED: Rural Iowa high school students who have a passion for leadership.

Attend our webinar series in October for a chance to win Apple AirPods and a \$1,000 college scholarship! Learn more at IowaYouthTour.com.



Students can attend from their own device or participate at their local co-op office, if available.

Each session will feature speakers who introduce students to cooperative career opportunities, teach effective advocacy skills and share tools to strengthen personal leadership abilities. Participants will also learn about the Iowa Youth Tour, an all-expenses-paid, weeklong trip to Washington, D.C., scheduled for June 14-20, 2026.

Students who attend all three webinars will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 college scholarship. In addition,

one participant will be randomly selected during each session to win a pair of **Apple AirPods**. All students who register by **Sept. 30** will receive a surprise box of co-op-themed items in the mail.

The Iowa Youth Leadership Academy is a great opportunity for students interested in public service, government or leadership. It offers a meaningful way to connect with local cooperatives and explore future career paths in rural Iowa.

To register or learn more, visit www.IowaYouthTour.com or contact your local electric cooperative.