



# Youth Leadership Congress



Oakdale Electric  
Cooperative  
Your Touchstone Energy® Partner

UW–River Falls | July 13–15, 2016



The annual **WECA Youth Leadership Congress** is a dynamic three-day event for youth leaders across Wisconsin to develop their **leadership skills** while learning about the purpose, operation, and scope of **cooperative businesses**.

### Who is eligible to attend?

- Oakdale Electric Cooperative will sponsor up to six students per qualifying high school to attend the 2016 YLC at UW–River Falls, July 13–15, 2016.
- Student must be a son or daughter (or under legal guardianship) of an active member of OEC residing in the same household.
- Student must be entering his/her senior year of high school in the fall 2016 at one of our 12 area qualifying high schools: Brookwood, Mauston, Necedah, Nekoosa, New Lisbon, Pittsville, Reedsburg Area, Royall, Sparta, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, and Wonewoc.

### What does it cost?

- All costs are covered by Oakdale Electric Cooperative, including transportation to and from UW–River Falls.

### Interested? How to apply?

- Registration materials are available at each respective high school guidance office beginning in March.
- Each high school is responsible for selecting their student representatives.

### Take the opportunity to...

- See **what makes the cooperative business model different and successful**, and then apply this knowledge to fun and challenging cooperative activities.
- Identify and learn how to develop your own **leadership skills**.
- Discuss **cooperative careers** with professionals in the industry.
- Be **entertained and challenged** by highly acclaimed motivational speakers who understand teens and address topics that are important and relevant in your life.

This is a by-teens, for-teens conference that is planned and developed by a youth board elected at the previous year's event.



Members of the youth board have an opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C., in June as part of the National Youth Tour. Last year, OEC's own Jack Zdun and Craig Dallman were elected to the youth board and will be joining other student leaders across the country on the National Youth Tour this spring. You could have the same opportunity!



# Oakdale Electric Cooperative is committed to education

**A**t Oakdale Electric Cooperative, one of the ways we fulfill the Fifth Cooperative Principle, “Education, Training, and Information,” is by our steadfast commitment to student education through our annual scholarship programs. The three types of scholarships available—youth, at-large/non-traditional, and lineworker—are all funded directly through the Federated Youth Foundation by unclaimed capital credits. A volunteer, member-appointed scholarship committee reviews and selects the scholarship recipients.

## Youth Scholarship

Oakdale Electric Cooperative awards up to three \$1,000 scholarships to students at **each** of the 12 high schools in our service territory annually.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Student must be a son or daughter (or under legal guardianship) of an active member of OEC residing in the same household.
- Student must be entering his/her senior year of high school in the fall 2016 at one of our 12 area high schools: Brookwood, Mauston, Necedah, Nekoosa, New Lisbon, Pittsville, Reedsburg Area, Royall, Sparta, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, and Wonewoc.
- Student must attend the Youth Leadership Congress at the UW–River Falls campus held July 13–15, 2016.
- Following the Youth Leadership Congress, the student must write an essay on the same topic chosen by WECA for its scholarship essay contest.



Oakdale Electric Cooperative Director Ronald Churchill presents scholarships to students from Reedsburg High School.

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### DEADLINE:

The essay will be available following Youth Leadership Congress, and must be postmarked by **August 26, 2016**.

## At-Large/Non-Traditional Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior not enrolled in one of the 12 participating public high schools in our service area (at-large), OR an individual returning to university or technical college after spending time in the work place or raising a family (non-traditional) yearly.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicant must be a member or the son or daughter (or under the legal guardianship) of an active member of the Oakdale Electric Cooperative in good standing and accepted at a post-secondary program or accredited training program.
- Applicant does not have to attend Youth Leadership Congress, but is required to write an essay.
- The disbursement of this scholarship will be awarded after all qualifications are met and verification of enrollment.

### APPLICATION:

The complete rules and application for the at-large/non-tradition scholarship is currently available on our website, [www.oakdalerec.com](http://www.oakdalerec.com). Otherwise, it can be mailed or emailed to interested applicants.

### DEADLINE:

The essay must be postmarked by **May 5, 2016**. The scholarship will be awarded in June 2016 and claim for the \$1,000 award can be made at that time.

## Lineworker Scholarship

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school ▶

senior pursuing a post-secondary education in an electrical power distribution program.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Any high school senior applicant enrolling in an electrical power distribution program. Preference will be given to OEC members, and residents of Monroe, Juneau, Jackson, Sauk, and Wood counties.

**APPLICATION:**

The complete rules and application for the lineworker scholarship is currently available on our website, www.oakdalerec.com. Otherwise, it can be mailed or emailed to interested applicants.

**DEADLINE:**

The essay must be postmarked by **May 5, 2016**. The scholarship will be awarded in June 2016 and claim for the \$1,000 award can be made at that time.

For complete rules on all scholarships visit our website, www.oakdalerec.com, or contact Deana Protz at dprotz@oakdalerec.com or 608-372-4131.

**CAPITAL CREDIT ALLOCATIONS**

The 2015 capital credit allocations have been completed and appeared on the March 1 billing. Inactive members who received service in 2015 will receive a notice in the mail.

**OAKDALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, April 2  
Tomah High School**

**Registration: 9 a.m. • Business Meeting: 10 a.m.**

- Director elections for Districts 3 and 6
- Annual reports
- Chance to win prizes
- Door prizes
- Kentucky Fried Chicken lunch following the business meeting



MY CO-OP

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING  
AS A CO-OP DELEGATE?**

Are you interested in learning more about how rural electric cooperatives work for you? Would you like to represent Oakdale Electric Cooperative at various functions? If so, interested members are needed for our volunteer delegate program. You're an owner of this business, and service to our members is our sole reason for existing.

Member involvement is the key to our continued success. Our volunteer delegate program helps keep the communication lines open so that your Oakdale Electric Cooperative continues to be responsive to your needs. Sincerely interested members, serving as delegates, provide an information link with other cooperative members in their township.

Members who served as delegates for 2015 should submit a new application by May 2, 2016, if they wish to be a delegate during 2016.

**Oakdale Electric Delegate Application**

I would like to represent the township of \_\_\_\_\_ as a delegate.

I have been a member-consumer of Oakdale Electric Cooperative \_\_\_\_\_ for years.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: May 2, 2016**



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## WE SALUTE OUR ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS!

A business of any kind is only as good as the team of employees working for it. Here at Oakdale Electric Cooperative, we've got the best team around, both outside on the lines and inside the office.

April 27 is Administrative Professionals' Day, and we're taking this opportunity to tip our hats to the administrative personnel who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure the co-op runs smoothly and efficiently.

These are the people who answer your calls and questions, process your bills, maintain the co-op's financial statements and database, operate and promote member services programs, plan and coordinate cooperative events, and much, much more. We are grateful for all they do for Oakdale Electric Cooperative and its members.



Kurt Spolum,  
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