



Virginia  
Cooperative Council

## **FREE Conference WIN a Scholarship Apply to Attend**

*Virginia Cooperative Council  
Virginia Institute on Cooperative  
Education March 31 – April 2, 2017  
Graves Mountain Lodge-Syria, Virginia*

Each spring, the Virginia Cooperative Council sponsors a three-day co-op education / youth leadership conference for up to 64 Virginia high school students. The primary objective of this conference is to educate youth about the unique cooperative form of business. Through an interactive, educational, and entertaining conference, students will enhance their business, teamwork, leadership, and communication skills

**WIN a Scholarship  
\$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 college  
scholarships awarded to the three  
top performers at the VICE  
conference – to be used to attend  
school of your choice!**

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## **How Can I Attend???????**

Contact the Virginia Cooperative Council:

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The Virginia Cooperative Council is a not-for-profit organization headquartered in Richmond, VA, dedicated to furthering and educating the public on the cooperative form of business. All types of co-ops operating in Virginia are members of the Council, including ag co-ops, electric co-ops, farm credit organizations, and other types of cooperatives. The Council's primary activities are involved with providing educational opportunities for youth in Virginia, through state and national conferences, and through scholarships provided to students at Virginia Tech, and to youth attending the VICE conference.

## **Qualifications!!!**

*Students are selected on the basis of merit from all applications received. Selected students:*

*Must be age 16 – 19  
(as of July of year attending).*

*May attend conference only once.*

*Must be willing to attend the entire weekend. (Friday, 10:30 a.m. – Sunday, 2:30 p.m.).*

*Will need to be excused from school Friday, March 31st, for this educational program.*

*Must be willing to abide by a Code of Conduct.*

*All instructors and adult leaders are professionals from either co-op businesses in Virginia, from state educational institutions or are involved with 4-H or FFA activities. Some come with their students from the high schools. All adults working with the program are held to highest ethical standards and serve under a strict Code of Conduct comparable to that required of students.*