



Virginia  
Cooperative Council

## Virginia Institute on Cooperative Education

April 13 – April 15, 2018

Graves Mountain Lodge - Syria, Virginia

### What is it?

- Three-day youth leadership conference.
- Interactive, educational, and entertaining conference
- Students enhance their business, teamwork, and leadership skills.
- Hands-on with “the cooperative way of doing business.”
- Features “Who’s Minding the Store”, a computerized, interactive, business-simulation game involving making business decisions for a fictional farm-supply store.
- **Chance to win a scholarship. \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 college scholarships awarded to the three top performers at 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, April 13<sup>th</sup>, for this educational program.

### Agenda

#### Day One

- Arrival and registration
- Incredible lunch
- Team building and icebreakers
- Introduction to co-ops
- Evening banquet with speakers
- Education session
- Fun and games
- Ice cream social

#### Day Two

- Delicious country breakfast
- Co-op case studies
- Computer simulation game
- Country lunch at the Lodge
- Hayride and hike
- Evening banquet
- Games, music and dancing

#### Day Three

- Another great breakfast
- Devotional service
- Computer simulation game
- Awards luncheon at the Lodge
- Winners announced
- Say goodbye to new friends

### 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 instructors and adult leaders are professionals from either co-op businesses in Virginia, state educational institutions, or are involved with 4-H or FFA activities.