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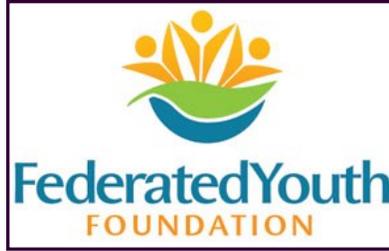
If your town is interested in teaching students about cooperatives, contact

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What is the Federated Youth Foundation?

Your cooperative has the right to forfeit its unclaimed funds for use in your community or for worthy statewide causes. But has your cooperative been exercising this right?

If not, the Federated Youth Foundation (FYF) can assist you with the procedure necessary to take advantage of this opportunity, and will, at nominal costs, administer your funds and distribute them at your request for programs such as the Cooperatives in our Schools Program.



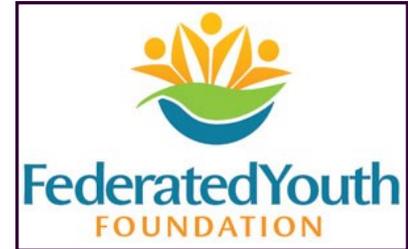
Membership in the Federated Youth Foundation is open to all Wisconsin cooperatives, credit unions and mutual insurance organizations. An organization may become a member by completing a membership application and contributing a minimum of \$250 to FYF. Requests for membership application and additional information should be directed to:

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Cooperatives in our Schools Program

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Educating our Youth about Cooperatives

The Challenge

Cooperatives are an important part of our society and should be taught in our schools. However, teachers already have an overloaded day filled with reading, writing, math, science, social studies, health, phy ed, music, languages, civics, safety, technology. The list continues, leaving little time to add anything new.

Win-Win Solution

Each year school districts spend thousands of dollars on substitute teachers. When teachers aren't in their classroom, student learning is put on hold and the district loses money.

The cooperative board in your area can partner with the Federated Youth Foundation to pay for substitute teaching time in your school district. During those days, a trained substitute teacher educates your students about cooperatives using a project-based unit plan.

Win-win:

The school district is paid for their sub costs; the students learn about cooperatives; Money and time well spent!

Steps to Successfully Launching the Idea in your Community

Step 1:

Select a representative from your cooperative board or cooperative manager to meet with a school district representative such as the superintendent, principal or curriculum director.

Step 2:

Explain the concept using the enclosed brochure and video.

Step 3:

Once the school has accepted the idea, ask for the names of their best substitute teachers. Contact the substitute, or ask that the school district contact him/her on your behalf. For larger districts, you may need to train two or three substitutes.

Step 4:

Once you've secured the substitute, give him/her the unit plan and then set up a training time with Federated Youth Foundation.

Step 5:

Select a grade level. Fifth or sixth grade is recommended because of the age of the students and the structure of their daily schedule.

Step 6:

Keep in contact with your school principal(s) to ensure that he/she remembers to schedule your substitute into those classrooms two times throughout the year.

Step 7:

Work with your school district's business office to reimburse the school for the sub costs.

Costs to the Cooperative

Yearly Costs

Substitute costs:

\$100/day X 2 days = \$200 per class

Material Costs

\$2/student (folder, handouts)

One-Time Costs

\$300/day for initial training of the substitute which include \$100 for the sub and \$200 for the training + travel expenses.