Kentucky Outstanding Youth Scholar Selection Process for NICE

The Outstanding Youth Scholar contest is held at NICE (National Institute of Cooperative Education) conference. One male and one female are selected through an interview process to represent NICE and serve in a leadership position at the NICE conference the following year.

Kentucky selection process:

1. One male and one female will be selected to represent Kentucky at NICE.

2. Youth must have attended Kentucky Youth Seminar and selected to attend NICE.

3. Youth must be first time NICE attendee.

4. Contestants should be selected on the basis of his/her:
   a. Ability to communicate effectively
   b. Demonstrated leadership
   c. Understanding of cooperatives
   d. Presentation, personality
   e. Past achievements
   f. Knowledge of cooperatives

5. Entry Requirements:
   a. Complete Outstanding Youth Scholar application and Co-op visit (same as NICE) must be submitted to the state coordinator by July 1 of attending year. It is recommended applications be typed, handwritten applications will be accepted. Applications will be given to eligible students at the conclusion of the Kentucky Youth Seminar.

   b. Entrants must complete the interview process on specified date two weeks prior to the NICE conference. Date will be determined by Kentucky Youth Seminar Committee. Travel to and from the interview site is the responsibility of the contestant.

   c. The male and female contestant chosen to represent Kentucky will each receive $250.00 sponsored by the Kentucky Council of Cooperatives.