



National  
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Union

# COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVES

Feb 15 - 18, 2024

Minneapolis, MN

College Conference on Cooperatives is National Farmers Union's premier cooperative education event, bringing together students and young adults from across the country for cooperative education sessions and co-op tours around the Twin Cities. CCOC provides students the opportunity to gain a basic understanding of cooperative business economics, become advocates for the cooperative business model, and learn about career opportunities within co-ops.

## Conference sessions include:

- Co-ops 101
- Cooperation in Agriculture and Beyond
- Should we Cooperate? When to Form a Cooperative
- Decision-Making in Cooperatives: How Would You Act?
- Co-op Career Panel
- Leadership Training

## Twin Cities co-op tours have included:

- REI
- Riverton Community Housing
- Seward Community Co-op
- 7500 York Senior Housing Cooperative
- Mississippi Market Natural Foods Co-op

This conference also includes networking opportunities with leaders in the cooperative ecosystem, as well as fun Twin Cities tour activities like a night out at the Mall of America and a theater show!

**Learn more and apply at:**

[rmfu.org/college-conference-on-cooperatives/](https://rmfu.org/college-conference-on-cooperatives/)

# Conference Schedule *(subject to change)*

## Thursday, February 15

**4:00 pm**

Registration and Room Key Pick-up

The registration table will open at 4:00pm for you to pick up your conference materials and room keys

**6:00 pm**

Pre-Conference Pizza Social

## Friday, February 16

**7:00 am**

Breakfast Buffet

**8:00 am**

Conference Kick-off

Welcome to CCOC! National Farmers Union staff will kick off the conference with introductions and interactive activities to encourage you to get to know fellow attendees

**8:30 am**

Co-ops 101

**9:45 am**

Panel Discussion: Cooperation in Agriculture and Beyond

**11:00 am**

Should We Cooperate? When to Form a Cooperative

**12:00 pm**

CoMinnesota Keynote Luncheon

**2:15 pm**

Decision-Making in Cooperatives: How Would You Act?

**3:30 pm**

Panel Discussion: Co-op Careers

**5:00 pm**

Twin Cities Night Out

Busses will take interested participants to the Mall of America for a night out with your fellow conference attendees!

## Saturday, February 17

TBD

Full Day of Twin Cities co-op tours

**TBD**

Conference Night Out

## **Sunday, February 18**

**7:30 am**

Breakfast Buffet

**8:30 am**

Leadership Training

**10:45 am**

Co-opportunities: What's out there for me?

Hear from National Farmers Union staff about the next steps you can take to advance your participation in cooperatives, and what other opportunities Farmers Union has to offer

**11:15 am**

Conference Wrap Up: So, how did that turn out?

**12:00 pm**

Boxed Lunch and Farewell