

News Release

Northern Great Plains Youth Institute Offers High School Students a Chance to Earn Scholarships and Engage with Local Leaders on Critical Global Challenges

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Northern Great Plains Youth Institute to be held Monday, May 6, 2019, at University of Minnesota Crookston

Your idea could change the world! If you are a student in grades nine through twelve during the 2018-19 school year, you are eligible to participate in the Northern Great Plains Youth Institute at the University of Minnesota Crookston on Monday, May 6, 2019.

The Northern Great Plains Youth Institute, an official World Food Prize event, is a potentially life-changing experience offering high school students an opportunity to engage with local leaders and experts on critical global challenges, participate in hands-on activities, and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Minnesota and around the world.

Select a Mentor, Research an Issue, and Write a Paper

To participate, students research a global issue they care about and write a two to three page paper under the supervision of a teacher or mentor following the competition guidelines available at <https://z.umn.edu/37cn>. Students who participate can earn a \$1,000 scholarship at the U of M Crookston, gain recognition as a Borlaug Scholar, qualify for internships, and more. Registration and paper submissions are due online by Monday, April 9, 2019.

During the Institute, participants will present their research and recommendations on ways to solve key global challenges in a short speech and small group discussions with statewide experts; connect with other student leaders to share ideas and identify solutions while building lasting friendships; and interact with global leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs working to end hunger and poverty and improve food security around the world.

There is no registration cost to participate in the Institute, and meals will be provided during the event. Larger groups of students (such as entire high school classes) are invited to attend as well.

Papers will be evaluated by the World Food Prize Board of Reviewers, a distinguished group of educators and experts established to mentor and personally encourage students. Reviewers write thoughtful, personalized feedback to each student participant.

To learn more, visit <https://z.umn.edu/ngpyouth> or contact Eleora DeMuth at demut058@crk.umn.edu or 218-281-8569.

About the World Food Prize: The World Food Prize is the foremost international award recognizing the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world. The Prize was founded in 1986 by Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, recipient of the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize. Since then, the World Food Prize has honored 48 outstanding individuals who have made vital contributions throughout the world. The World Food Prize annually hosts the Borlaug Dialogue international symposium and a variety of youth education programs to help further the discussion on cutting-edge global food security issues and inspire the next generation to end hunger.

The World Food Prize announced recently that Ambassador Kenneth M. Quinn, World Food Prize president, will be honored as the recipient of the Steven Krulis Champion of Humanity Distinguished Service Award. The award, which is presented by the Aegis Trust of Great Britain, recognizes those who have contributed significantly to confronting and preventing genocide, with an emphasis on promoting the values of humanity.

About UMN Crookston

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