



EMPOWER

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

STEP UP AND STAND OUT!

Leadership, learning, friendships and challenges. Energize your potential through the EmPOWER Youth Leadership Program!

This inspiring, interactive program will help you discover personal strengths, build & improve leadership skills, link up with peers & professionals, and explore career paths.



Have a chance at:
SCHOLARSHIPS!
TRIPS!

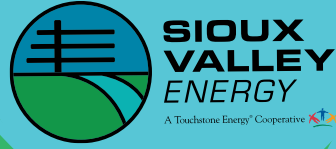
FOUR FUN-FILLED, PEER-ADVISED PROGRAM DAYS FOCUS ON:

- Leadership Skills
- Cooperatives
- Personal Strengths
- Communication Skills
- Team Building
- Health & Wellness
- Electrical Safety/CPR
- Networking
- Career Options

TO APPLY:

The 12-month program is open to upcoming juniors who are ready to commit to fully EmPOWER themselves with fun, positive, open minds. Applications are available from your school counselor or on the Sioux Valley Energy website. Submit via email to Empower@siouxvalleyenergy.com.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

EmPOWER Youth Leadership Program

2024-2025 PROGRAM YEAR

Application Deadline:
4 pm, Friday, May 10, 2024

empoweryouthleadership.com

Sioux Valley Energy is excited to provide an opportunity for 2024-2025 high school juniors with a comprehensive understanding of cooperatives while developing their leadership skills in a fun, interactive and challenging way through the 8th annual EmPOWER Youth Leadership program. EmPOWER is a 12-month program that will commence with the presentation of participants at the SVE annual meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. The “meat” of the program includes four EmPOWER sessions held throughout the year that will allow students to learn about the cooperative business model, explore career options, network with other students and professionals, build and improve leadership skills through interactions with community leaders, industry experts and motivational speakers while working on personal growth. The program will then conclude the following June at the cooperative’s 2025 annual meeting. Scholarships may be available for students who go above and beyond and attend the required sessions as well as all-expenses paid traveling opportunities for selected students. Those trips include a four-day trip to Youth Excursion at Bismarck, N.D., and also a week-long trip to Washington, D.C. in June of 2025. Upon completion of the EmPOWER program, participants will have the opportunity to form an EmPOWER Advisory Board. Your role will be to offer feedback to the Sioux Valley Energy Board of Directors and help plan the following years EmPOWER program.

www.siouxvalleyenergy.com

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Program Coordinator:
Chinelle Christensen



Dear Applicant:

Congratulations on your decision to apply for EmPOWER! Forty high school juniors from across Sioux Valley Energy’s service territory will be selected to participate in this 12-month program.

Eligibility ~ Applicant must:

- Be a junior during the 2024-2025 school year.
- Have an interest in furthering their knowledge about cooperatives, Sioux Valley Energy and leadership skills.
- Receive approval by a high school principal and/or school counselor.
- Commit to fully EmPOWER yourself with a fun, positive, open mind ready to take in everything the program has to offer.

Student Commitments:

- Students are encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. They are required to attend the four program days (school observed Native American Day/Columbus Day – Oct. 14 Veterans Day – Nov. 11, Martin Luther King Day – Jan. 20, Presidents Day – Feb. 17). In case of inclement weather, a make-up session will be held April 18.
- Program days will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Students are responsible for transportation to and from the required sessions on the dates above.

Application Requirements:

- Fill out the online application at www.empoweryouthleadership.com.
- Your school official must review your application and complete the School Consent Form. The COMPLETED application must be received by Sioux Valley Energy on or before 4 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2024.

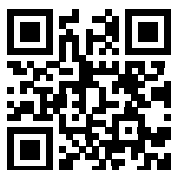
Selection Process:

- All applications will be reviewed by the EmPOWER Executive Committee.
- All applicants will be notified of the status of their application the week of May 20, 2024.

Good luck with your application! Please contact Chinelle Christensen at 800-234-1960 or email empower@siouxvalleyenergy.com with any questions. Let us EmPOWER each other and grow this program together!

Be EmPOWER-ed,

Chinelle Christensen
EmPOWER Youth Leadership Coordinator





Please give a short essay answer to the following question

Why are you interested in EmPOWER, and what do you hope to get out of it?

How did you hear about the EmPOWER Youth Leadership program? _____

SCHOOL CONSENT FORM

TO THE APPLICANT: Please type your name below and then give this form, along with your application, to your school counselor, who will complete the remainder of this form and mail all materials to Sioux Valley Energy/EmPOWER, Attn: Chinelle Christensen, PO Box 216, Colman, SD 57017 or email to empower@siouxvalleyenergy.com.

Applicant Name: _____
First Last

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____ Applicant's GPA: _____ GPA calculated on a scale of: _____

Recommendation: (Please check one):

- I recommend this applicant unreservedly I recommend this applicant with reservations Applicant not appropriate

I understand that this applicant must attend the four program days (Native American Day (South Dakota)/Columbus Day (Minnesota), Veterans Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day). School attendance credit will be granted for school time missed due to participation in this program. By signing below you agree to the terms and conditions set forth on this application by the EmPOWER Youth Leadership Program.

School Counselor Printed Name: _____

School Counselor Signature: _____

Principal Printed Name: _____

Principal Signature: _____