

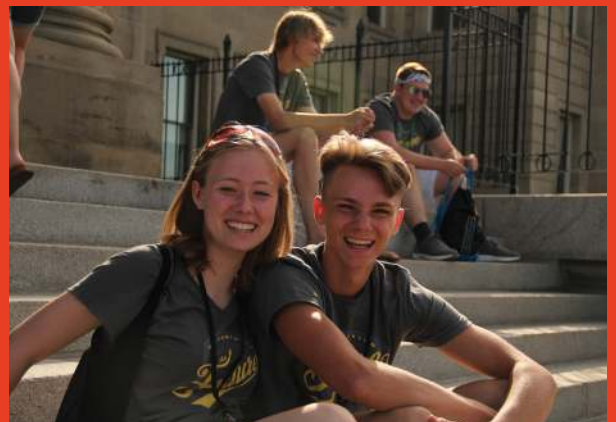
# 2020 Youth Rally & Scholarship Program

## UP TO \$2100 FOR COLLEGE



## COMPETITION GUIDE BOOK & APPLICATION

### Nourdine Jensen Cooperative Youth Program



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# 2020 Program



## 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Application due to OPALCO

### APRIL 17

Finalists notified by email

### WEEK OF APRIL 27

Personal interviews

### MAY 8

Winners announced

### MONDAY, JULY 6

Travel to The College of Idaho

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

Return to Seattle and home

### DECEMBER 17

Winners present a report of their experience to the OPALCO Board

## PROGRAM RULES

1. Contest is open to all high school sophomores and juniors, or the equivalent, whose parents or guardians are members of Orcas Power & Light Cooperative and presently receive electric service from OPALCO.
2. Contestants must currently be attending school or an alternative program at a San Juan County high school.
3. Application, including cover letter, must be submitted to OPALCO no later than April 10, 2020.
4. Finalists are selected for a personal interview and the three winners chosen based on that interview. During the interview, students may be asked to talk about their own interests and goals and about the following topics:
  - How does OPALCO deliver power to 20 islands? Where does the power come from?
  - What makes an electric co-op different from other types of utilities?
  - Discuss three important energy issues that may affect you in the next 5-10 years.
  - Why should you represent OPALCO at the Youth Rally?
5. Winners agree to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting to be recognized for their award.
6. Winners agree to represent OPALCO at the Youth Rally July 6-11, 2020 at The College of Idaho in Caldwell, ID. All travel, lodging and food expenses will be paid by OPALCO. Chaperones are provided.
7. Winners agree to collaborate on a report of their Youth Rally experience to be presented to the Board in December 2020. This report may be shared with OPALCO members and other high school students.
8. Winners agree to act as Ambassadors of OPALCO in their schools and to help promote the Youth Rally & Scholarship program.

# Nourdine Jensen Cooperative Youth Program FAQs

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

High school sophomores and juniors of OPALCO member households.

## HOW CAN I WIN A SCHOLARSHIP?

- Submit an application before the deadline.
- Study [www.opalco.com](http://www.opalco.com) to get to know your co-op.
- Come to the interview prepared and well groomed.
- Have a genuine interest in this opportunity.

## HOW WILL THE WINNERS BE CHOSEN?

All complete applications are considered. A review committee made up of OPALCO members from throughout the islands selects up to nine finalists based on their application. Finalists are invited to a personal interview with the review committee.

The interview covers topics such as personal goals, community involvement and knowledge of your local electric co-op. Sample questions are on the back of this brochure.

## WHEN AND HOW WILL WINNERS BE NOTIFIED?

Finalists are notified by email no later than April 17, and given an interview date and time. Winners are notified by email and in writing no later than May 8th.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE YOUTH RALLY?

The Youth Rally promotes an understanding of the utility industry and in particular, public power. Students learn leadership, teamwork, cooperation and communication skills. The Youth Rally is sponsored by the Idaho Consumer-owned Utilities Association (ICUA).

Each student selected to represent OPALCO will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. While at the Rally, all students are eligible to compete for additional scholarships given by our hosts ICUA.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

All travel, lodging and food expenses are covered by The Nourdine Jensen Cooperative Youth Program. OPALCO handles all travel arrangements and provides chaperones for travel and the weekend.

## WHEN AND WHERE IS THE RALLY?

The Youth Rally takes place on the campus of The College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho. It is six days of fun-filled activity: July 6-11, 2020. Participants stay in college dorms.

## HOW DO WE GET THERE?

OPALCO makes all travel arrangements. Participants and OPALCO chaperones travel by air from Seattle to Boise and then travel by rental car to the College.

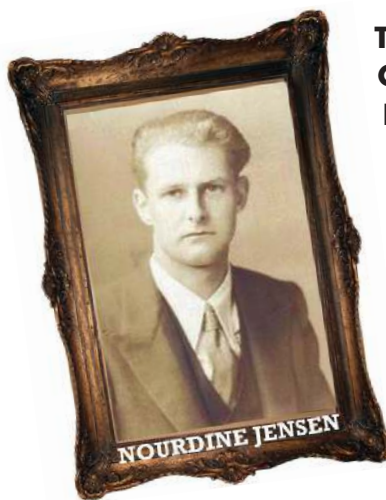
## WHAT WILL WE DO AT THE RALLY?

Develop leadership and communication skills and make new friends through:

- Electric co-op speakers and presentations
- Field trips to state capitol and local sites
- Networking with students and faculty from Alaska, Oregon, Wyoming & Idaho
- Water park, social dances, roller-skating, bowling, volleyball, talent show

## WHO ELSE WILL BE THERE?

Students representing rural electric co-ops from western states – including Alaska. Electric co-op industry leaders and speakers.



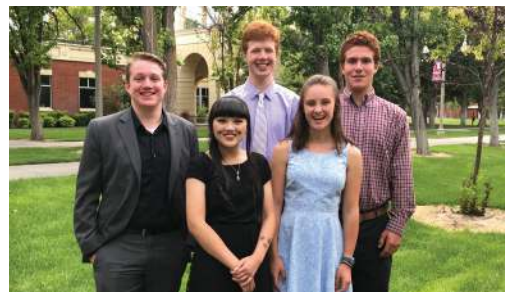
## THE NOURDINE JENSEN COOPERATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM

was created by the OPALCO Board of Directors to honor Nourdine Jensen, who served on the Board for 37 years between 1965 and 2008.

SPECIAL THANKS to the family of Nourdine Jensen, whose ongoing generosity provides support for the Scholarship Fund.

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## NOURDINE JENSEN COOPERATIVE YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM & YOUTH RALLY APPLICATION

**YES**, I'm interested in being a Youth Representative for Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (OPALCO). I have read and understand the Program Rules and that my application must be submitted to OPALCO no later than 4:30 pm on **April 10, 2019**. I understand that selection of winners will be based on the contestant's personal interview according to the Program Rules provided with this application. I agree, if selected, that I will attend an OPALCO board meeting and 2021 Annual Meeting; I will attend the Youth Rally on **July 6-11, 2020** in Caldwell, Idaho.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent / Guardian (OPALCO Member): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We, the above named parent(s) / guardian(s), have read and understand the general rules of the competition and this application and give permission for the applicant to participate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

**TO APPLY:** Send completed application and a one-page cover letter stating **1** why you would be a good student ambassador for OPALCO; and **2** what you hope to get out of the Youth Rally experience.

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