Youth Energy Summit 2024

Zero Carbon Future

Be a part of helping our region get to a zero carbon future. Hear from top experts about climate change challenges and solutions, SMUD's Zero Carbon Vision and explore what you can do in your community. Then, with a team from your school or community organization, design and implement a community project to promote a cleaner, healthier region for all.

Get great SWAG, compete for scholarships and have fun discovering ways to make our planet a better place to live.

Applications are due by Friday, Sept. 20

Learn more and register at smud.org/YES





Global warming is one of the major issues youth around the world struggle with. After all, your generation's going to bear the brunt of all future climate change. That's why SMUD is hosting the Youth Energy Summit (YES), to help give you a voice in tomorrow's future.

September

Applications are due by Friday, Sept. 20 at smud.org/YES

A team must consist of 2-6 high school junior and senior members from a high school in SMUD's service area. Each student must submit an application which has been approved and signed digitally by a legal guardian. No late or substitute applications will be accepted.

All registered students will receive a digital welcome packet with the event agenda and links to information from our community partners.

Teams will design and implement a community service project for their school or community based on the concept of a carbon free future. This project may also fulfill your school's community service project requirement.

All registered students will be required to attend all three sessions of the Summit:

Virtual

Thursday, Sept. 26 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

In-person

Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

October

Teams will check in with the event coordinator with a video of less than 2 minutes, describing the theme, concept and nature of their project no later than Friday, Oct. 11. The link to the video will be posted publicly to YouTube and will be sent to the event coordinator.

In late October, students will have the opportunity to attend an in-person session explaining the expectations of their community service project and meet other participants.

November

Teams will complete a short survey to convey the current progress of their project due Friday, Nov. 15. Students will also have opportunities to meet with event coordinators to ask questions and receive detailed updates.

December

Teams will schedule appointments to give their presentation during the week of Dec. 2-6. Presentations will take no longer than 10 minutes.

Awards and incentives

Students will be invited to an in-person reception in January where teams will be celebrated and winners will be announced.

Stuff We All Get (SWAG): Participants who complete objectives will receive SWAG such as an event t-shirt, messenger bag, water bottle and more.

Scholarships: Scholarships of \$2,000 in various categories will be awarded to the top four teams. Community and industry partners may give out additional prizes or awards.

