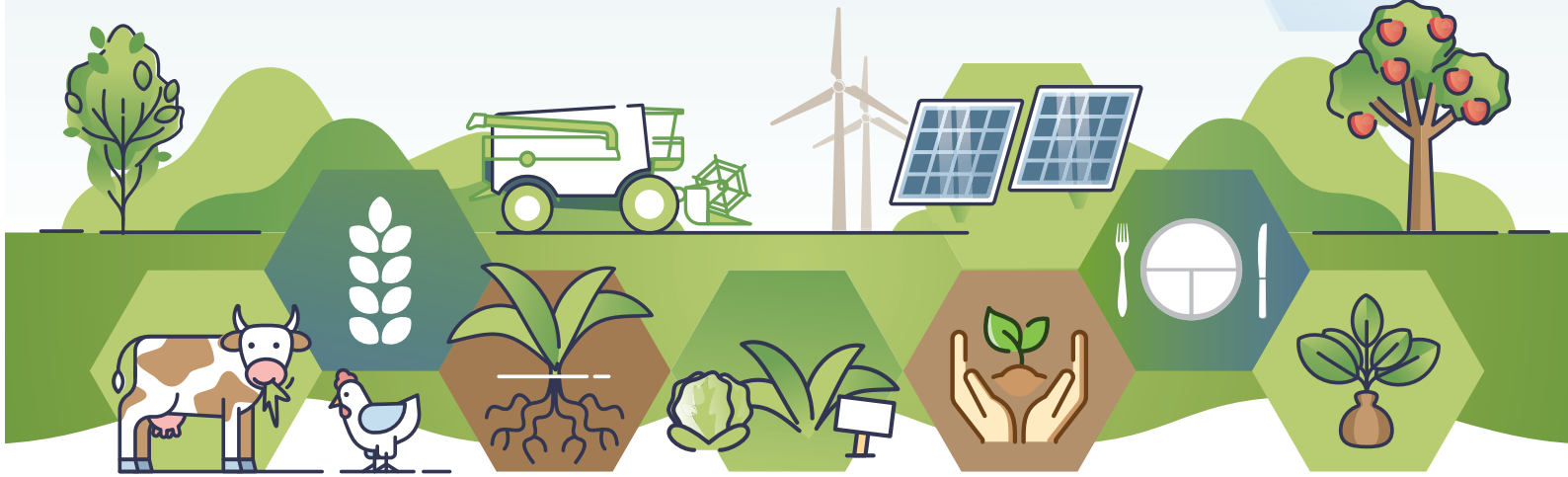


# Emerging Leaders Energy Summit 2025



## Fueling the Future - Where food meets energy

We're excited to announce the new name for the Youth Energy Summit (YES):  
**Emerging Leaders Energy Summit.**

Hear from top experts about climate change challenges, the intersection between food, energy and solutions, our 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. 12**

Learn more and register at [smud.org/EnergySummit](https://smud.org/EnergySummit)



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We're hosting the Emerging Leaders Energy Summit to empower you with knowledge and tools to address sustainability challenges. This year's theme, **Fueling the Future – Where food meets energy**, highlights the connection between sustainability efforts in energy and food. The Summit aims to amplify your voice and actions in shaping a cleaner, healthier and sustainable future for our communities.

## September

**Friday, Sept. 12** - Applications are due at [smud.org/EnergySummit](https://smud.org/EnergySummit)

A team must consist of 2-6 members, either high school juniors and seniors or post-secondary students, including those from colleges, trade schools and community organizations. There will be 2 different tracks – high school and post-secondary. Each student must submit an application that's approved and signed by a legal guardian if they're under 18. 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 Summit theme. This project may also fulfill your school's community service project requirement.

All registered students are required to attend all 3 Summit sessions:

### Virtual

**Thursday, Sept. 18**, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 19**, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

### In-person

**Saturday, Sept. 20**, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Location: Sacramento City College  
3835 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento

## October

**Friday, Oct. 10** - Teams check in with the event coordinator by submitting a video of less than 2 minutes describing the theme, concept and nature of their project. The link to the video is posted publicly to YouTube and sent to the event coordinator.

**Saturday, Oct. 25** - Students are invited to attend an in-person, Night at the Museum, at SMUD Museum of Science and Curiosity (MOSAC), where they can explore and network with other participants.

## November

**Friday, Nov. 21** - Teams will complete a short progress survey of their project and students will have the opportunity to meet with event coordinators to ask questions and receive detailed updates.

## January

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026** - Teams participate in community poster sessions and present to judges.

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

**Scholarships:** Scholarships of \$2,000 in various categories are awarded to the top 4 teams. Community and industry partners may distribute additional prizes or awards.

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