



## Mentorship Program Facts:

**40**  
**PARTICIPANTS**

**35**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**

**20**  
**MATCHES**

**6**  
**STATES**

**LIMITLESS POTENTIAL!**

The Will Steger Foundation's Emerging Leaders Program empowers Midwest youth climate leadership as a key strategy in transitioning to an equitable and sustainable future.

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BUILDS THE FOUNDATION WE NEED  
TO FACE CLIMATE CHANGE  
TOGETHER.**



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# EMERGING LEADERS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

**Connecting** young and veteran environmental leaders across the Midwest, the Will Steger Foundation has launched the Emerging Leaders Mentorship Program to address the unique challenges facing young people and the environmental movement today.

Young people are eager to create a healthy, just, and resilient world. Despite this reality, a lack of **cross-generational** collaboration persists in the mainstream environmental movement. Millennials continue to experience record levels of unemployment, and the age-gap in non-profit leadership continues to grow.

The Emerging Leaders Mentorship Program is aimed at building **transformational** relationships between young climate leaders and veteran staff with the goal of increasing the flow of knowledge, resources, and ideas in both directions. The program fosters an egalitarian **learning** experience where both participants, as teachers and learners, gain powerful new insights and perspectives.

## CROSS-GENERATIONAL • EGALITARIAN

"Struggling with a decision, I brought it to my youth mentor match. Together we realized the contrast in our generational experiences; Baby Boomers have seen many legislative wins while Millennials have only known gridlock."

"...it's been great to get acquainted with a part of the climate change community I wasn't familiar with. Connections to groups outside the campus environment will pay dividends when I graduate."

"...the Will Steger Foundation's mentorship program has built the scaffolding I need to continue this work just by instituting a new friendship with an experienced organizer."

Have you had a mentor who influenced your personal or professional life in a meaningful way?

Please join us in making these relationships possible for a new generation of climate leaders through the Will Steger Foundation's mentorship program.