

Attending WEFTEC as a student can be challenging, both on the financial and educational side. This guide provides you with step-by-step instructions for getting to WEFTEC and all the events as economically as possible.

Registration

WEFTEC Registration is FREE for WEF Student Members!

- If you are a WEF student member, register for WEFTEC [online](#).
- If you are not a WEF member, [become a member](#) before registering for the conference.

As you register for WEFTEC, be sure to indicate if you will be attending the [WEF Community Service Project](#) on Saturday, September 21. Transportation will be provided from the Hilton Chicago Headquarters Hotel (720 S. Michigan Ave) to the Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy. Buses will begin loading at 8:30am and will be departing by 9:00am. Buses will arrive back at the Hilton by 4:00pm.

Airfare

Book air reservations early to get the best deals. Visit the [WEFTEC site](#) for information on airports and ground transportation.

Hotel

Rooms specifically for university students and academics are available at the **DoubleTree Magnificent Mile** until August 23, 2019, or until they sell-out, whichever occurs first.

Call a WEFTEC housing customer care agent at 1-888-301-4933 (toll-free U.S. and Canada) or 1-415-979-2298 (globally) to reserve through this dedicated block. Reference group code "STUD." Customer care agents are available Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm EDT.

- **DoubleTree Magnificent Mile @ \$215+/night:** Located two blocks from Michigan Avenue and the famous Magnificent Mile, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago Magnificent Mile puts you in easy reach of some of the city's best shopping, dining and entertainment. From the signature DoubleTree chocolate chip cookie upon arrival, to the welcoming staff and contemporary comfort of the surroundings, this downtown Chicago hotel makes your trip hassle-free. Each guest room is equipped with modern amenities including an HDTV and WiFi access.

Events

Below is a [summary of events](#) throughout WEFTEC that are hosted or sponsored by the SYPC.

Friday, September 20

Water Palooza, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Location: **Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy**

Water Palooza is a day-long education fair that's hosted at an elementary school the Friday before WEFTEC begins. The goal of Water Palooza is to engage students in hands-on and demonstrative activities that promote the value of water and encourage students to become stewards of their own water environment. Contact WEF Staff, [Megan Livak](#), if interested in volunteering at the event.

Saturday, September 21

WEF Community Service Project, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Location: **Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy**

This year's project will be held at the Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy where project volunteers will spend the day transforming the school's entryway into a beautiful, welcoming, and green space. The new entryway will provide better stormwater management and add stormwater educational components to the community.

The project will serve as an educational platform for the community to learn about water, the environment, and green infrastructure. To volunteer at the event, add the "WEF Community Service Project" to your WEFTEC Registration.

Jammin' 4 Water, 6:00pm – 12:00am. Location: **Park West**, 322 W. Armitage Ave., Chicago, IL 60614

The Seventh Annual Jammin' 4 Water event features the amateur musical talents of water quality professionals benefiting the WEF Community Service Project as well as Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene focused charities. Jammin' 4 Water provides Students and Young Professionals participating in the WEF Community Service project with discounted tickets to the event. Learn more at <http://www.jammin4water.org/>.

This year, the SYP's will be singing "All-Star" by Smash Mouth. Come join us on stage!!

Sunday, September 22

Student Design Competition, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Location: **McCormick Place Chicago**, Illinois
Rooms S105abc, South Building – Level 1

Students from across the Federation will present their design projects in both the wastewater and environmental topic areas. For more information, visit the [WEF Student Design Competition](#) webpage.

Monday, September 23

Annual Student Chapter Meeting, 9:45am – 10:45am. Location: **McCormick Place Chicago**, Illinois
Rooms S104ab, South Building – Level 1

Network with other student chapters, share ideas, and learn how we can help as you begin your professional career.

Students & Young Professionals Committee Meeting, 11:00 – 12:30pm. Location: **McCormick Place Chicago**, Illinois. Rooms S104ab, South Building – Level 1

Young Professionals, Students, Academics, and Member Association Leaders are invited to attend this meeting held annually at WEFTEC. Come join in on helping shape WEFTEC programs for students & young professionals.

Career Fair, 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Location: **McCormick Place Chicago**, Illinois
Rooms S105abc, South Building – Level 1

Network with multiple companies on the leading edge of the water sector looking for new graduates to hire!

HINT: Send your resume to WEFTECStudent@wef.org by **September 6, 2019** so that it can be added to the resume book that is handed out to participating companies.

Meals

There are a number of receptions and events that are held throughout WEFTEC where a student member can eat for free while networking with peers and other industry professionals.

Saturday, September 21

Service Project, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Location: **Maria Saucedo Scholastic Academy**

Lunch will be provided to volunteers at the service project site. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to keep hydrated and help us reduce the disposal footprint.

Sunday, September 22

Student Lounge, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Location: **McCormick Place Chicago**, Illinois
Room S105d, South Building – Level 1

Boxed lunches and drinks will be provided to students along with an environment to network with other student & young professional members.

Mix with Members, 5:00 – 6:30pm. Location: **McCormick Place Chicago**, Illinois

Enjoy cocktails and conversation with fellow WEF Members and WEFTEC Exhibitors in a community atmosphere designed to help you achieve success by association. This event is exclusively for WEF Members, WEFTEC Exhibitors, and Advertisers. Conference registration required.

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Student Reception. 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Location: [Fremont](#), 15 W Illinois Street.

Enjoy networking over cocktails and appetizers with your peers and other academia.

YP Reception, 8:00pm – 11:00pm. Location: [Three Dots and a Dash](#), 435 N Clark Street.

Join WEF's Students and Young Professionals Committee for a fun-filled evening of conversation and peer-to-peer networking. Your WEFTEC badge is required. This reception is made possible by contributions from corporate sponsors.

[Tuesday, September 24](#)

Student Lounge, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Location: **McCormick Place Chicago**, Illinois
Room S105d, South Building – Level 1

The lounge is open all day. Lunch will not be available on Tuesday.

HINT: Many manufacturers and consultants host receptions throughout the event. Visit the exhibition floor to network with the exhibitors and consultants. Ask a YP to give you a tour of the exhibition floor if you are not comfortable venturing out there for the first time.