

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 29. Transportation will be provided from the New Orleans Morial Convention Center (900 Convention Center Blvd.) to the Treme Recreation Community Center. Buses will begin loading at 8:30am at the Halls H/I covered drive and will be departing by 9:00am. Buses will arrive back at the Convention Center 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 **Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center** until August 31, 2018, or until they sell-out, whichever occurs first.

Call a WEFTEC housing customer care agent at 1-888-301-4933 to reserve through this dedicated block. Reference group code "STUD." Customer care agents are available Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm EDT.

- **Hampton Inn & Suites Convention Center @ \$192+/night:** Rooms with either one king bed or two double beds are available. The hotel is conveniently located across the street from the New Orleans Morial Convention Center in the Arts & Warehouse District, a neighborhood that is home to many businesses, shops, restaurants and bars. Hot breakfast and guest room internet are complimentary for all Hampton Inn guests.

Events

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

Friday, September 28

Water Palooza, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Location: TBA

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 29

WEF Community Service Project, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Location: Treme Recreation Community Center

This year's project will be held at the Treme Recreation Community Center where project volunteers will spend the day constructing a bioswale and an educational green infrastructure graphic. 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: The Historic Carver Theater, 2101 Orleans Avenue, New Orleans, LA

The Sixth 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 www.jammin4water.org.

Sunday, September 30

Student Design Competition, 8:00am – 4:00pm. Location: New Orleans Morial Convention Center

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, October 1

Annual Student Chapter Meeting, 10:00am – 11:00am. Location: New Orleans Morial Convention Center

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: New Orleans Morial Convention Center

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: New Orleans Morial Convention Center.

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 7, 2018** 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 29

Service Project, 9:00am – 4:00pm. Location: Treme Recreation Community Center

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 30

Student Lounge, 11:00am – 1:00pm. Location: New Orleans Morial Convention Center

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: New Orleans Morial Convention Center

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. Time & Location, TBD. Enjoy networking over cocktails and appetizers with your peers and other academia.

YP Reception, 8:00pm – 11:00pm. Location: Crescent City Brewhouse (2nd Floor) – 527 Decatur Street, New Orleans, LA

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, October 2

Student Lounge, 9:00am – 5:00pm. Location: New Orleans Morial Convention Center.

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.