

Manitoba Cooperative Awards 2021 Nomination Form

Nominations are invited for the Manitoba Cooperative Awards Program to honour individuals and organizations in Manitoba that have made an outstanding contribution to cooperatives and credit unions. The Awards will be presented during National Co-op Week. Typically awards are presented at an Awards Banquet, however given the pandemic it is uncertain at this time if we will be able to safely host a banquet and other arrangements may be made to present and celebrate the award winners.

Manitoba Cooperative Award Categories

1. Distinguished Cooperator Award
2. Cooperative Merit Award
3. Cooperative Achievement Award
4. Youth Leadership Award

Distinguished Cooperator Award

This award recognizes and honours Manitobans who have made significant contributions to the development and success of the cooperative community through long, varied and meritorious services in volunteer, elected or employed positions within cooperatives and credit unions. ***This individual will have contributed to a variety of co-ops, including co-ops on the local, regional and national level.***

Current, former & retired employees, elected officials, volunteers and members of cooperatives and credit unions are eligible for nomination. The nominee must have lived in Manitoba and contributed to cooperatives and credit unions.

Cooperative Merit Award

This award recognizes and honours Manitobans who have made significant contributions to the development and success of a cooperative through service in volunteer, elected or employed positions within a single cooperative or credit union. ***The contributions of this individual to their co-op have enabled their co-op to grow and thrive.***

Current, former & retired employees, members, elected officials, volunteers and others who have supported the cooperative or credit union are eligible for nomination. The nominee must have lived in Manitoba.

Cooperative Achievement Award

To recognize and honour cooperative organizations in Manitoba that have implemented projects and ventures that embody the cooperative values and principles and that benefit cooperative members and their communities. The achievement must be apparent within the last 10 years and have already demonstrated recognizable benefits to the members and community.

Cooperative and credit unions are eligible for nomination but must be operating in Manitoba.

Youth Leadership Award

The award recognizes significant contribution by young people, aged 30 and under, in cooperative endeavours. This award may also recognize the commitment and achievements of individuals or organizations in mentoring youth and supporting their successes as young cooperative leaders.

Individuals, both youth and adults, and organizations are eligible for nomination. The nominee must have lived/operated in Manitoba.

The Manitoba Cooperative Awards is a program of the Manitoba Cooperative Association.

Nomination and Selection

Manitoba Cooperative Award winners are selected based on the information provided on the nomination form. Nominations should include clear and comprehensive information and appropriate details according to the nomination category. Applications may be rejected if the nomination process is not followed as outlined in the nomination form.

Award recipients will be selected by a Selections Committee representing the Manitoba Cooperative Association. All nominators will be notified by letter when award recipients have been selected. The names of other nominees will be kept confidential.

Additional Information

1. Any registered Manitoba cooperative or credit union may submit a nomination for a Manitoba Cooperative Award. An authorized officer of the nominating co-op or credit union must sign the nomination form to affirm support for the nomination and the information contained in the form.
2. The nominee, or an official of a nominated cooperative, must sign the nomination form to give consent and to let their name stand for nomination.
3. **For individual nominations, please submit a high resolution photograph of the nominee with the completed nomination package.** This photograph will be used in the Awards Banquet Program if the nomination is successful. Successful organization nominations will be required to submit a high resolution electronic version of their logo for inclusion in the Awards Banquet Program.
4. It is the responsibility of the nominator to work in association with the nominee to ensure that the information is complete and provides the details needed for a committee of strangers to evaluate the contributions. For example, when completing the nomination form general statements such as “spent many years on the board” or “made many contributions” say little of value. Instead, provide more detailed and measurable information, such as “served on the board of Co-op X for 10 years, 2 as secretary and 6 as president” or “proposed and led the successful negotiations to amalgamate Co-ops X, Y and Z. Within 5 years their combined membership increased from 650 to 1100, and annual sales from \$1.5 million to \$4.6 million.” **As much as possible, please separate events and achievements, and please use bullet points instead of lengthy narrative.**
5. Nominators may forward more than one nomination in any given year, provided that each nomination relates to a different individual or project.
6. To be eligible to receive an award for the current year, a completed nomination form must be submitted during that year. Nominations from previous years are eligible for resubmission on the following years nomination form.

The deadline for receipt of completed nomination forms is May 31, 2021. Mail or email (with scanned signatures) the nomination to:

**Manitoba Cooperative Association
Main floor - 317 Donald Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2H6
info@manitoba.coop**

For further information or to receive additional nomination forms, please contact the Manitoba Cooperative Association at the address listed above or by phone at (204) 989-5930.

**Please Indicate Award Category
(one per nomination)**

Distinguished Cooperator Award
(complete pages 3 - 6)

Cooperative Merit Award
(complete pages 3 - 6)

Cooperative Achievement Award
(complete pages 3 and 7 - 8)

Youth Leadership Award
(complete pages 3 and 9)

Nominee's Name (individual or organization) _____	
Address _____	
Phone (home) _____	Phone (business) _____
Email _____	Fax _____
Affiliated with this cooperative or credit union _____	
Nominee's Acceptance	
I have read the information contained in this nomination package and certify it to be true and correct. I allow my name to stand for nomination. If my nomination is successful, I consent to the publication of my photograph, information from my nomination package and any audio/video recording used in conjunction with this event.	
Nominee Signature _____	Date _____

Nominating Cooperative or Credit Union _____	
Authorized Officer _____	Position _____
Address _____	
Phone (home) _____	Phone (business) _____
Email _____	Fax _____
Nominator Information	
I, the undersigned, take pleasure in making this nomination on behalf of the cooperative or credit union I represent, and believe the information provided is complete and correct.	
Nominator Signature _____	Date _____

Information should be provided in bullet form wherever possible with as much detail as possible in bullet form. Points are assigned to each item listed, so please list items separately as appropriate.

Supporting documents (e.g. letters of support) may be attached to these sheets.

If additional space is required, additional pages may be attached to this nomination, but please provide additional information in the same format as the form.

A. Cooperative Organization Contributions

1. Contribution through Membership Support

Please list the names and dates of **all** the cooperatives in which the nominee has held a direct membership. Points will be assigned to each co-op in which the nominee has a membership.

Organization	Dates – Number of years	<i>For Office Use Only</i>
<i>For example: Red River Credit Union</i>	<i>1980 – present 29 years</i>	

2. Contributions Through Volunteer and/or Employee Positions

Please list **all** the positions held within cooperatives and/or credit unions at the local, regional and national level. Volunteer Positions include: delegate, board member, executive officer, and president. Employee positions include: employee, head – area/department, trained specialist/consultant, and manager/CEO. Please note if the nominee was a founding/charter member of a cooperative or credit union.

Points will be assigned to every co-op listed based on the position held and the length of time served in that position. Please list in bullet form all co-ops, positions and years served to maximize the number of points that can be achieved.

Cooperative Organization	Position Held	Dates – Number of years	<i>For Office Use Only</i>
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Local Level Involvement			
<i>For example: Winnipeg Co-op</i>	<i>Director Vice-President</i>	<i>1981-95 → 14 yrs 1984-87 → 3 yrs</i>	

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Regional Level Involvement			
<i>For example: Federated Cooperatives Limited</i>	<i>Delegate Resolutions Committee</i>	<i>2000-05 → 5 yrs 2004-05 → 2 yrs</i>	

National/International Level Involvement			
<i>For example: Co-operatives and Mutuals of Canada</i>	<i>Delegate</i>	<i>1980-1988 → 8 yrs 2000-2006 → 6 yrs</i>	

3. Successfully Implemented Contributions

Please list the most significant contributions the nominee made to help build, maintain or improve a cooperative organization or the cooperative community. What roles did the nominee play and what outcomes resulted?

Points will be assigned for every contribution based on the nominees role in the contribution and the outcome of the contribution on the organization and community. Please list in bullet form all of the contributions made, the role the nominee played, and the outcome for the organization and community to maximize the number of points that can be achieved.

Significant Contributions to a Cooperative Organization	Role of Nominee	Outcomes for the Organization & Community	For Office Use Only		
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Local Level Involvement					
<i>For example: Opened a new co-op grocery branch</i>	<i>Participant on Board while approving expansion plans</i>	<i>Increased sales by \$2 million 10 new jobs in the community 300 new co-op members</i>	A	B	C

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Regional Level Involvement					
<i>For example: Formed a co-op (or federation/association) of communication co-ops</i>	<i>Introduced the idea and was the primary leader</i>	<i>Created purchasing power for all communications co-ops Increased government relations for the sector</i>	A	B	C

National/International Level Involvement					
<i>For example: Implemented new governance model for Canadian Worker Cooperative Federation (CWCF)</i>	<i>Introduced idea while on the Board of CWCF</i>	<i>Better delegate structure allowing more regional representation Increased participation from members</i>	A	B	C

B. Other Community or Volunteer Contributions

Provide details that demonstrate the nominee's support for community and involvement in volunteer service. Include the number of years of service and the contributions made for each community organization listed. Points will be assigned for number and scope of volunteer commitments.

Organization	Roles/Contributions	Years of Service	For Office Use Only
<i>For example: Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce</i>	<i>Member On the Board of Directors</i>	<i>40 years 4 years</i>	

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Cooperative Achievement Award Nomination

Please outline how your co-op has put into practice the 7 Cooperative Principles outlined in the International Cooperative Alliance's statement of Cooperative Identity.

Principle	How is the principle put into practice at your co-op?	<i>For Office Use Only</i>
1. Voluntary and Open Membership		
2. Democratic Member Control		
3. Member Economic Participation		
4. Autonomy and Independence		
5. Education, Training and Information		
6. Co-operation among Cooperatives		
7. Concern for Community		

Please outline how embracing and implementing the co-op principles within your co-op has impacted your business. Not all principles must be listed, but please be clear in listing how putting into practice principles has positive business (financial) results for your co-op.

Principle	Impact on Business	<i>For Office Use Only</i>

Please outline how embracing and implementing the co-op principles within your co-op has impacted your members and community. Not all principles must be listed, but please be clear in listing how putting into practice principles has positive impact on your members and community.

Principle	Impact on Members and Community	<i>For Office Use Only</i>

Additional Comments	<i>For Office Use Only</i>

Youth Leadership Award Nomination

Youth Contributions (for individual youth nominees)

In point form, briefly describe the contributions of the nominee that had significant impact on building, maintaining or improving a successful cooperative and the impact of that cooperative in the community.

Contribution	Impact on the Cooperative	Impact on the Community	For Office Use Only
<i>For example: Was a founding member of XYZ co-op</i>	<i>The co-op would not have been created without this individuals leadership</i>	<i>XYZ co-op is the only organization in the community providing their service.</i>	

Youth Mentorship Contributions (for non-youth nominees and/or organization nominees)

List the contributions of the nominee that have engaged, supported and mentored youth in their success as young cooperative leaders.

Contribution	How the contribution engaged, supported and mentored youth	For Office Use Only
<i>For example: A credit union creates an in-school branch for students</i>	<i>Encouraged students to become members at a young age Had students sit on the Board of Directors of the credit union Had students employed in the branch</i>	