**2025 Cooperative Merit Nomination Form**

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 local co-op have been instrumental in enabling 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.

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.

1. **Cooperative Organization Contributions**

**1. Contribution through Membership Support**  (Scoring note: maximum of 5 points)

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.

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| **Organization** | **Dates –**  **Number of years** | ***For Office Use Only*** |
| *For example: Red River Credit Union* | *1980 – present*  *29 years* | *Points: total number of years of membership divided by 25* |
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**2. Contributions Through Volunteer&/or Employee Positions** (Scoring note: maximum of 25 points)

Please list **all** the positions held within cooperatives and/or credit unions at the local, regional and national level. Volunteer Positions include: delegate, committee member, 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 item 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. Each position has a different point value. The total points earned per position will be divided by 10 to achieve a total score for this section.

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| **Cooperative Organization** | **Position Held** | **Dates –**  **Number of years** | ***For Office Use Only*** |
| *For example: Winnipeg Co-op* | *Director*  *Vice-President* | *1981-95 🡪 14 yrs*  *1984-87 🡪 3 yrs* | *Points: Position held x number of years divided by 10* |
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**3. Successfully Implemented Contributions** (Scoring note: maximum of 40 points)

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.

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| **Significant Contributions to a Cooperative Organization** | **Role of Nominee** | **Outcomes for the Organization & Community** | ***For Office Use Only*** |
| *For example: Opened a new co-op grocery branch* | *Participant on Board while approving expansion plans* | *Increased sales by $2 million*  *10 new jobs in the community*  *300 new co-op members* | *Points: Role x importance of contribution x influence of co-op* |
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**4. Letters of Support** (Scoring note: maximum of 20 points)

Please attach **up to 5 letters of support** of this nominee from organizations and individuals who have experienced the individual in their cooperative endeavours. Letters should outline the nominees contributions to their cooperative and the impact of their contributions to the success of the cooperative. Letters can be from individuals in cooperatives and non-cooperatives however additional consideration will be given to letters from individuals involved in other co-ops.

A maximum of 5 points per letter will be awarded based on the impact of the contribution outlined in the letter and the role played by the nominee.

**B. Other Community or Volunteer Contributions**

Commitment to cooperatives is often just a small part of an individual’s overall community or volunteer contributions. We understand that the most involved cooperators are often also involved in active community service at the local, regional, national, and/or international level.

Provide details that demonstrate the nominee’s support for community and involvement in volunteer service in non-cooperative organizations. This could include sports, church, economic development, school, arts organizations. Include the number of years of service and the role played for each community organization listed. A maximum of 10 points will be assigned for number and scope of volunteer commitments.

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| **Organization** | **Roles** | **Years of Service** | ***For Office Use Only*** |
| *For example: Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce* | *Member*  *On the Board of Directors* | *40 years*  *4 years* | *Points: additional consideration given to volunteering at local, regional, national and international level* |
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