Saskatchewan Co-operative MERIT AWARDS

Nominations are invited for the 32nd Annual Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards Program. The Awards are presented on October 17, 2011, during National Co-op Week, at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre in Regina.

Awards are presented in the following categories:

LIFETIME CO-OPERATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

For long, varied and meritorious service by individuals in volunteer and/or elected positions within co-operatives and credit unions.

CO-OPERATIVE CONTRIBUTION AWARD

For those who inspire others as a role model, leader and mentor through the development and expansion of co-operatives and credit unions, and increasing awareness and understanding of co-operatives and co-op principles.

CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISE AWARD

For leadership, innovation and achievement in co-operative business and member service initiatives for the social and economic development of the co-operative sector.

CO-OPERATIVE YOUNG LEADERS AWARD

For outstanding contribution by a young person to co-operatives and credit unions in Saskatchewan.

Nomination deadline is May 1, 2011. More information and nomination form is attached or available at www.sask.coop/co-op_merit_awards.html

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2011 Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the 32nd Annual Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards Program to honour individuals and organizations in Saskatchewan that have made an outstanding contribution to co-ops and credit unions.

Eligibility Requirements

Lifetime Co-operative Achievement Award

Current or former Saskatchewan residents who have served as elected officials, volunteers and members of co-operatives and credit unions locally, provincially, nationally or internationally.

Co-operative Contribution Award

Current or former Saskatchewan residents who have served as employees, elected officials, volunteers and members of co-operatives and credit unions.

Co-operative Enterprise Award

Co-operatives and credit unions and organizations working on behalf of the co-operative sector, operating in Saskatchewan, may be nominated or self-nominate.

Co-operative Young Leaders Award

Saskatchewan residents under age 36 (at the time of nomination) who have demonstrated personal support of and involvement in at least one co-operative or credit union.

Nomination and Selection

Award selections are based exclusively on the information provided in the nomination form. Nominators should include information, examples and details applicable to the nomination category. Supporting materials such as letters of support, résumés or other documentation are welcome.

Nominations will be reviewed by a Selections Committee representing Saskatchewan Co-operative Association and Enterprise Saskatchewan. Both nominees and nominators will be notified by letter if the nominee has been selected as an award recipient.

Award recipients will be required to validate the accuracy of the information, and consent to the publishing of any photographs or information provided by the nominator.

Nominations for individuals not selected as an award recipient can be revised and re-submitted in a subsequent year. Self-nominations for the Co-operative Enterprise Award are welcome.

Tips for Nominators:

- The committee assesses applications based on the information received. Please ensure you include specific examples of the nominee's contributions to the betterment of each co-operative they've been involved with.
- Points are not accumulated only on length of service. Points are accumulated based on the specific contributions and innovations the nominee has made to the organization and the community while in each role.
- You may add additional sheets if more space is required for any sections of the form.

Deadline for Submission of Nominations is May 1, 2011.

2011 Co-operative Merit Awards Nominations Committee

The Co-op Merit Awards Committee has launched a Nominations Committee this year. The Nominations Committee will assist the CMAP Committee in finding nominees, and assisting nominees and nominators in completing the nomination forms so that the CMAP Committee will have the appropriate information to be able to assess the nominations.

If you need help with or have questions about what to include in the nomination form, please contact a Nominations Committee member:

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