Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards and Young Leaders Award 2010

Nominations are invited for the 31st Annual Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards and Young Leaders Award. The Awards are presented during National Co-op Week in October, at a banquet attended by co-operative and credit union leaders and members, and provincial government representatives. 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, 2010. More information and nomination form is attached and available at www.sask.coop/co-op_merit_awards.html

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Nominations are being accepted for the 31st Annual Saskatchewan Co-operative Merit Awards Program, to honour individuals and organizations in Saskatchewan that have made an outstanding contribution to co-operatives and credit unions. The Co-operative Young Leaders Award recognizes the outstanding contributions by young people to co-ops and credit unions. See below for nomination categories and eligibility requirements.

Lifetime Co-operative Achievement Award

This award recognizes an individual who has contributed to the co-operative sector through long, varied and meritorious services as a volunteer and/or elected official within co-operatives and credit unions.

Eligibility: 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

This award recognizes an individual who is making a significant contribution to the co-operative sector in Saskatchewan:

- through the development/expansion of co-operative services, programs or ventures;
- by increasing awareness and understanding of the co-operative sector and its principles;
- by demonstrating co-operative principles and ideals as a leader, mentor and role model.

Eligibility: 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

This award recognizes co-operative organizations showing leadership, innovation and achievement in business and member service initiatives that contribute to or enhance the social and economic development of the co-operative sector in Saskatchewan.

Eligibility: Co-operatives and credit unions operating in Saskatchewan.

Co-operative Young Leaders Award

This award recognizes a young person who demonstrates enthusiasm and dedication to co-operative principles and ideals and who has employed those attributes for the betterment of their co-operative and their community.

Eligibility: 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, resumes 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 re-submitted in a subsequent year.

Deadline for Submission of Nominations is May 1, 2010.