

COOPERATIVE HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

If you are considering nominating someone for induction into the Cooperative Hall of Fame, please contact the Cooperative Development Foundation at 202-442-2302 before proceeding. The Cooperative Hall of Fame is a year-long process of nomination, selection, fundraising, logistics, and induction.

I. BACKGROUND

Induction into the Cooperative Hall of Fame is the highest honor that the U.S. cooperative community bestows on the extraordinary men and women who have made **GENUINELY HEROIC** contributions in support of the cooperative form of enterprise.

What's heroic? Consult the guide that identifies many of the "Qualities of a Co-op Hero". You will see these heroic qualities in the lives and careers of those who already have been inducted (www.heroes.coop). You also will recognize these qualities in the accomplishments of some of your colleagues...those who you are now thinking about nominating to the Cooperative Hall of Fame.

No single path. The stories of those on the Cooperative Hall of Fame roster demonstrate that there is no single path to induction in the Cooperative Hall of Fame. The roster – present and future – is a place for individuals with widely differing experiences and from all cooperative sectors:

- Some are volunteers, while others are public officials or leaders of cooperative organizations
- Some are honored at the end of their careers or posthumously, while others are honored at the mid-points of their careers with years of service and accomplishment ahead of them
- Some are working locally or regionally and others are working nationally or internationally

What they share. What they all have in common is a belief in the cooperative idea and a track record of accomplishments that have benefited the cooperative community. Individually and collectively, they have enhanced and advanced cooperative enterprises, empowered people through their association with cooperatives, and contributed to the broader acceptance of the cooperative model in the United States and around the world. We are honored to have them as members of the Cooperative Hall of Fame.

II. NOMINEE (please print)

Name of nominee _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Address (if living) _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

III. AREA OF ACHIEVEMENT

_____ Agriculture & Farm Credit	_____ Consumer Goods & Services	_____ Credit Unions
_____ Education	_____ General	_____ Health Care
_____ Housing	_____ Insurance	_____ Law
_____ Legislative	_____ Rural Utilities	_____ Worker
_____ International	_____ Other – please name	

IV. CRITERIA FOR INDUCTION

In reviewing the nominations, the Selection Committee will use the following criteria to evaluate the individual's record of achievement. Please provide a narrative **not to exceed 10 typed pages double spaced** that identifies the nominee's major contributions and activities relating to the following criteria:

1. Demonstrated statesmanship, innovation, personal commitment, leadership, and vision beyond the professional competence and requirements of the position for which he/she was employed to serve within the cooperative sector. If nominee served as a volunteer, please indicate how he/she demonstrated the same leadership qualities to advance the cooperative form of enterprise.
2. Achieved identifiable and lasting changes to improve and promote cooperatives.
3. Inspired and persuaded others to act to advance the cooperative system.
4. Recognized for work relating to cooperatives at one or more of the following levels -- local, regional, national or international.

(News clippings, etc., if included, should not exceed 10 additional pages. CDF will provide examples of narratives upon request.)

V. LETTERS OF ENDORSEMENT

Please attach not fewer than three and not more than 10 letters of endorsement that address one or more of the selection criteria. They should be from people who have a professional and/or personal relationship with the nominee. If more than 10 letters of endorsement are received; CDF will ask the nominator to choose which 10 to include in the official nomination package. Letters of endorsement received after the deadline will not be considered for that year; however, they will be held over for the next year if the nomination is still in the selection pool.

VI. NOMINATOR(S)

Nominations to the Cooperative Hall of Fame may be submitted by organizations or individuals. **All nominations must be signed.** If the nominee is selected for induction to the Cooperative Hall of Fame, the nominator will be a member of the committee responsible for the fundraising and logistics related to the individual's induction.

Name of nominator(s) (please print clearly) _____

Affiliation with cooperative enterprise _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Signature of Nominator _____ Date _____

VII. DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations and letters of endorsement for the 2027 Cooperative Hall of Fame must be received at the office of the Cooperative Development Foundation by 5:00 p.m. EST on September 11, 2026. Nominations and letters received after the deadline will be considered for induction in 2028. Nominations and letters should be **e-mailed** to:

Cooperative Hall of Fame Selection Committee
Cooperative Development Foundation
kboyette@ncba.coop

VIII. SELECTION POOL

If an individual is not selected for induction in the first year of being nominated, the nomination will be held in the selection pool and the individual automatically will be considered for the next two consecutive years. After a total of three years, the individual becomes ineligible for re-nomination for one year. After sitting out of the pool for that year, an individual can be nominated again.

IX. RECOGNITION

Inductees selected for induction in the Cooperative Hall of Fame in 2027 will be recognized at a ceremony in their honor, the Cooperative Hall of Fame banquet and induction, to be held in Washington D.C. on October 7, 2027 at the National Press Club.

X. INFORMATION

Information on the Cooperative Hall of Fame or on the status of the nominations in the selection pool may be obtained from the Cooperative Development Foundation, kboyette@ncba.coop.

Be sure to visit the Cooperative Hall of Fame website
www.heroes.coop

Qualities of a Co-op Hero

Conviction	A fixed or strong belief in the cooperative principles
Determination	A firmness of purpose or resolve on matters of significance to the cooperative community
Dedication	Personal commitment and a selfless devotion to promoting successful cooperative business enterprises
Focused	The ability to direct one's energy toward a particular point or purpose
Fortitude	The quality of encountering serious setbacks without losing one's spirit or sense of purpose
Innovation	The ability to open a new line of thinking or doing business in new ways
Leadership	The process of persuasion and example by which an individual induces a group to take action that is in accord with the leader's purpose, or the shared purposes of all
Loyalty	The feeling of allegiance to the mission and values of the cooperative community
Perseverance	Persistent determination to get the job done
Sacrifice	A willingness to forfeit something of high value (i.e., time, personal priorities, etc.) for the sake of something considered to have a greater value for the cooperative sector or the cooperative community at large
Selfless	The quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others. Acting with less concern for self than for the cooperative community as a whole
Statesmanship	The act of putting aside personal and/or parochial agendas to promote the public good
Vision	The ability to see and articulate the optimal future of a cooperative business, a cooperative sector or the cooperative community as a whole

COOPERATIVE HALL OF FAME

America's Legacy of Cooperation

Established in 1974 by the National Cooperative Business Association, the prestigious Cooperative Hall of Fame serves to honor those distinguished individuals whose contributions to cooperative business have been genuinely heroic. Inductees are selected for their genuinely heroic contributions to the cooperative idea and to the advancement of the principles of cooperation and cooperative enterprise in the United States and around the world. The stories of the inductees can be read at the Hall of Fame website, www.heroes.coop. Induction videos for some of the more recent inductees also can be viewed at the website.

The Cooperative Hall of Fame is housed in the National Cooperative Business Association in Washington, D.C., where a permanent collection of commemorative plaques tells of the contributions made by each cooperative leader selected for the Hall of Fame. The administration of the Cooperative Hall of Fame is entrusted to the Cooperative Development Foundation.

It is a distinct honor to be inducted into the Cooperative Hall of Fame and inductees are limited to a prestigious group that is carefully selected to preserve the significance of this special recognition. Nominations are received annually from the cooperative community and reviewed by a screening and a selection committee, each composed of current leaders from the various sectors of the U.S. cooperative movement. The Cooperative Hall of Fame induction ceremony is also a major fundraising event for the Foundation. It is fitting that the occasion that bestows this high honor on individuals who have selflessly given of their lives to promote cooperatives, is also a vehicle to raise funds to perpetuate their work and their life-long commitment to the cooperative community.

COOPERATIVE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES (1974-2026)

Rebecca Allen	Clyde T. Ellis	Abraham E. Kazan	Wilfred E. Rumble
Burgee O. Amdahl	Glenn English	Daniel T. Kelley	Leland Ruth
Glenn M. Anderson	Richard Ensweiler	Woodrow Keown	Aaron Sapiro
Lloyd & Mary Anderson	Noel Estenson	Joseph G. Knapp	Marilyn K. Scholl
Dave & Erma Angevine	Allie Felder, Jr.	Gloria & Stanley Kuehn	Henry S. Schriver
Terry Appleby	Edward A. Filene	Francis Lair	Papa M.D. Sene
Mary E. Arnold	John E. Fisher	Richard E. Larochelle	Michael Shadid
Clark Arrington	Benjamin Franklin	Linda Leaks	Leo H. Shapiro
Howard E. Babcock	Orville L. Freeman	Randy Lee	Shirley Sherrod
A.A. "Paddy" Bailey	Allan Gallant	Terry Lewis	Douglas D. Sims
Ella Jo Baker	John B. Gauci	Crystal Long	Vaughn O. Sinclair
Margaret Bau	Bill Gessner	Martin Lowery	Barry Silver
Tony Bedard	John E. Gherty	Murray D. Lincoln	Edward E. Slettom
Doug Bereuter	Charles B. Gill	Gordon E. Lindquist	A.J. Smaby
Roy F. Bergengren	Jessica Gordon Nembhard,	Thomas L. Lyon	David Smith
Bob Bergland	Ph.D.	W.A. (Sandy) MacColl	J.K. Smith
Larry Blanchard	James L. Grahl	Richard H. Magnuson	Melbah M. Smith
Dennis Bolling	Owen K. Hallberg	Rosemary K. Mahoney	Maurice Smith
Eugene R. Bowen	Fannie Lou Hamer	Manly Glenwood Mann	Charles E. Snyder
Paul Bradley	David A. Hamil	Harriet May	Frank Sollars
John Brandt	Rudolf B. Hanley	Maurice J. McKay	Fernand St Germain
Howard Brodsky & Alan	Gary Hanman	Father Albert J. McKnight	Richard Stammer
Greenberg	Joseph L. Hansknecht	Jack & Connie McLanahan	Beryle E. Stanton
D.W. Brooks	W. Malcolm Harding	Leslie Mead	Charles W. Stenholm
Luther H. Buchele	Walter Harrison	Werqu Mekasha	Kevin Still
Samuel E. Bunker	Rita L. Haynes	Michael Mercer	Kate Sumberg & Walden
Ben Burkett	Paul Hazen	Daniel A. Mica	Swanson
Nannie Helen Burroughs	Louise McCarren Herring	David O. Miller	C. William Swank
Edgar F. Callahan	W. Gifford Hoag	John D. Miller	Emil A. Syftestad
Wallace J. Campbell	Ralph Hofstad	Otis & Mary Lee Molz	Katharine Whiteside Taylor
Lori Capouch	Henry Holloway	R.C. Morgan	Charles C. Teague
David L. Chatfield	Charles Holman	Ralph K. Morris	M.W. Thatcher
Dr. Christina Clamp	Ken Holum	William I. Myers	David Thompson
Jack R. Cluck	Dr. Ann A. Hoyt	William J. Nelson	Fred & Virginia
Michael Cook	Carmen Huertas-Noble	Robert Neptune	Thornthwaite
Owen Cooper	I. Harvey Hull	Rod Nilsestuen	Allen L.
E.G. Cort	Hubert H. Humphrey	Edwin G. Nourse	Thurgood-Connolly
Joy Cousminer	Frank Morton Hunt II	Vernon Oakes	Michael Toelle
Howard A. Cowden	Frank W. Hussey	Gary Oakland	C.E. "Doc" Toland
Pete Crear	Dorothy & George	Dwight Oberschlake	Gonze Lee Twitty
Aubrey Davis	Jacobson	Harold Ostroff	Dick Vilstrup
William Davisson	E.A. (Ed) Jaenke	Ralph Paige	Andrew J. Volstead
Steven Dawson	Jean Jantzen	Florence Parker	Jerry Voorhis
Barbara Deverick	Dennis Johnson	Robert D. Partridge	James Peter Warbasse
Everett M. Dobrinski	John D. Johnson	Sheldon Peterson	Robert Vanderbeek
Vern Dosch	John Earnest Johnson	Charles & Eva Rappaport	Daniel Waddle
Stanley Dreyer	Ed Jones	Andrew Reicher	J. Tom Webb
George H. Dunlap	James R. Jones	Anne Reynolds	O. Glenn Webb
Rebecca Dunn	A.W. (Al) Jordan	R. C. (Dick) Robertson	Herb Wegner
Roman N. Eller	Robert I. Kabat	Felix F. Rondeau	Roger Willcox
Thomas F. Ellerbe, Sr.	Jacob M. Kaplan	Clifford Rosenthal	Halena Wilson

Estelle Witherspoon
Leslie E. Woodcock
Chalmers P. Wylie
William G. Wysor
Judy K. Ziewacz
Karen Zimbelman
John & Carol Zippert