

# 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](http://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 2025 Cooperative Hall of Fame must be received at the office of the Cooperative Development Foundation by 5:00 p.m. EST on September 2, 2024. Nominations and letters received after the deadline will be considered for induction in 2026. Nominations and letters should be **e-mailed** to:

Cooperative Hall of Fame Selection Committee  
Cooperative Development Foundation  
[kboyette@ncba.coop](mailto: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 2025 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 9, 2025 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](mailto:kboyette@ncba.coop).

**Be sure to visit the Cooperative Hall of Fame website**  
[www.heroes.coop](http://www.heroes.coop)

## Qualities of a Co-op Hero

<b>Conviction</b>	A fixed or strong belief in the cooperative principles
<b>Determination</b>	A firmness of purpose or resolve on matters of significance to the cooperative community
<b>Dedication</b>	Personal commitment and a selfless devotion to promoting successful cooperative business enterprises
<b>Focused</b>	The ability to direct one's energy toward a particular point or purpose
<b>Fortitude</b>	The quality of encountering serious setbacks without losing one's spirit or sense of purpose
<b>Innovation</b>	The ability to open a new line of thinking or doing business in new ways
<b>Leadership</b>	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
<b>Loyalty</b>	The feeling of allegiance to the mission and values of the cooperative community
<b>Perseverance</b>	Persistent determination to get the job done
<b>Sacrifice</b>	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
<b>Selfless</b>	The quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others. Acting with less concern for self than for the cooperative community as a whole
<b>Statesmanship</b>	The act of putting aside personal and/or parochial agendas to promote the public good
<b>Vision</b>	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](http://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 (1974-2024)

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