

2018-2019

# MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE



Ontario  
Co-operative  
Association

# WHO WE ARE

The Ontario Co-operative Association exists to strengthen and unite the co-operative movement in Ontario. We believe that co-operatives are the solution to creating stronger communities, which help to build a better world.

Our Member-Owners are organizations that believe in the co-operative principles and are invested in the future of the movement.

With their commitment, we are able to deliver co-operative research, education, advocacy, networks, tools and resources, that support the growth and sustainability of all co-operatives and the movement as a whole.

## A CO-OPERATIVE OF CO-OPERATIVES

We are a non-share capital co-operative that exists to serve its members. In doing so, we support the co-operative sector as a whole. We rely on our membership to provide us with direction on how we can best serve their needs. With their contribution to the board, committees, task groups and sector consultations, we are continually evolving and strive to offer services that are current, relevant and impactful to the co-operative sector in Ontario.

We are the common voice of co-operatives in the province. We communicate with government and advocate for a more favourable environment that allows for the growth and sustainability of our sector. We also raise the awareness of co-ops and credit unions by educating the public and youth on the co-operative business model and its principles.

## CONNECT

*Jennifer Ross*

*Member Relations Manager*

[jross@ontario.coop](mailto:jross@ontario.coop)

888.745.5521 x 22

30 Douglas St.

Guelph, Ontario N1H 2S9



# MEMBERSHIP

## MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

We have three categories of affiliation; Member-Owners, Friends and Associates. Our categories and dues are designed to recognize the varying stages of development of organizations and their capacity to strengthen and unite the co-operative movement. Co-operative organizations are encouraged to contribute what they can, while striving to become champions of the movement.

### Member-Owner (Voting)

Co-operative organizations and federations in Ontario that believe in the co-operative principles and are invested in the future of the movement. Member-owners provide input into the direction of the organization, make and pass resolutions at members' meetings and may vote and discuss on the business of the Association. They elect representatives to the Board and may submit candidates to run for OCA's Board.

Co-op Champion - \$50,000 +

Co-op Leader - \$10,000 +

Co-op Booster - \$3,000 +

Co-op Supporter - \$500 +

### Friends

Members of Member-owners (MOMOs), non co-ops, start-ups and individuals may join as Friends. This category is for those wanting to be connected to OCA, stay informed on what we are doing and contribute to the success of the movement.

MOMO \$500 +

Non Co-ops \$500 +

Start Up \$150 +

Individuals \$75 +

### Associates

Service providers such as lawyers, accountants, consultants and contractors may join as Associates. This category is for those that want to contribute to the movement by offering their products or services to co-ops and credit unions.

\$500 +

Organization / Name

Contact person name

Phone number

Email

Address

City

Prov.

Postal Code

Please refer to Page 2 to determine which category is most suitable for you or your organization. Only incorporated co-operatives or federation/apex organizations may join as Member-Owners.

**Member-owner Category**

- Co-op Champion \$50,000 +
- Co-op Leader \$10,000 +
- Co-op Booster \$3,000 +
- Co-op Supporter \$500 +

Date of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_

**Friend & Associate Category**

- MOMO \$500 +
- Non Co-op \$500 +
- Start Up \$150 +
- Individual \$75 +
- Associate \$500 +

Total Dues Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Type (Check all that apply)

Consumer\_\_\_ Producer\_\_\_ Worker\_\_\_ Multi-stakeholder\_\_\_ Share Capital\_\_\_ Non-Share Capital\_\_\_  
Federation\_\_\_ Housing\_\_\_ Agriculture\_\_\_ Food\_\_\_ Finance\_\_\_ Insurance\_\_\_ Transportation\_\_\_  
Health/Social\_\_\_ Retail\_\_\_ Energy\_\_\_ Daycare\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_

- I have attached a brief 50-75 word description of my organization to be used for my membership approval as well as my e-Directory listing.

We hereby apply for membership in the Ontario Co-operative Association. We understand our rights and obligations as Members. I am authorized to sign on behalf of my organization.

Print Name

Signature

Date

**Next Steps**

1. Submit Application
2. Board Approval
3. Invoice
4. Welcome!