

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.

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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-operatives and credit unions are encouraged to contribute at a level that suits the size and structure of their organization.

Member-Owner (Voting)

Co-operatives, credit unions 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

Very large, well established co-operatives, credit unions with >300K members, or federations who wish to contribute significantly to the vision and mission of OCA and the movement as a whole both financially and strategically, through a designated seat on the Board.

Co-op Leader - \$10,000

Large established co-operatives, credit unions with 200K-300K members or federations who are leaders in their sector and wish to contribute their unique sector knowledge to the work of OCA and the movement as a whole.

Co-op Backer - \$5,000

Medium to large established co-operatives and credit unions with 100K-200K members who wish to back the work of OCA, contributing more financially to the success of the movement.

Co-op Booster - \$3,000

Medium established co-operatives or credit unions with 50,000-100K members that wish to contribute financially to boost the work of OCA and the co-operative movement.

Co-op Supporter - \$500

New or smaller established co-operatives or credit unions with <50,000 members that wish to support the work of OCA and the co-operative movement.

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.

Organization \$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

Membership Application (or [Apply Online www.ontario.coop](http://www.ontario.coop))

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, credit unions or federation/apex organizations may join as Member-Owners. All dues are subject to the addition of HST.

Member-owner Category

- Co-op Champion \$50,000
- Co-op Leader \$10,000
- Co-op Backer \$5,000
- Co-op Booster \$3,000
- Co-op Supporter \$500

Friend & Associate Category

- Organization \$500
- Start Up \$150
- Individual \$75
- Associate \$500

Date of Incorporation _____ Total Amount (Dues + HST) \$ _____

Organization Type (Check all that apply)

Consumer___ Producer___ Worker___ Multi-stakeholder___ Share Capital___ Non-Share Capital___
Federation___ Housing___ Agriculture___ Food___ Financial___ 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!