

Kootenay Co-op



Your Co-op in the Community

In addition to providing excellent products, the Kootenay Co-op is dedicated to connecting with our membership in a concerned and meaningful way and to supporting sustainable development in the larger community. (See Mission Statement below).

To this end the Co-op offers a wide range of opportunities for individual members and non-profit organisations to further their community service as well as their own health & well-being. We provide annual grants, bursaries, endowments, gift certificates, classes, discounts, food donations & platters for special events.

What services does the Co-op offer to members?

Read on ...

How can the Co-op help you or your organisation?

Read on ...

Co-op Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote community involvement by cultivating a cooperative, sustainable, organic way of life through:

- Providing the highest quality, affordable natural foods and products, and wherever possible organic, in a pleasant, comfortable environment;
- Serving members effectively;
- Encouraging a healthy local economy;
- Community and member education;
- Maintaining the financial health of the Cooperative;
- Promoting community interchange of ideas;
- Providing a workplace that reflects these values.

Co-ops are, by definition, committed to serving their membership

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SERVICES TO MEMBERS



In-store Services

Building community, connecting and serving one another to meet their needs. These are the services currently available:

- Member Discounts as outlined in the Membership Pamphlet.
- Patronage Refunds are dependent upon the financial health of the Co-op and voted upon at each AGM.
- Special orders
- Delivery service
- Community bulletin board
- Promotional events such as:
World Food Day, Earth Day,
Co-op birthday, Winter Social.

Member Input Encouraged

- Suggestion board
- Board service, board meetings and AGM
- Surveys

Educational Opportunities for Members

- Member information pamphlet
- Monthly newsletter
- Workshops, cooking classes & health classes
- Guest speaker sponsorship
- Recipes
- Politics of food info
- Dietary needs info
- Store tours
- Co-op website
- Product Information

Bursaries

Three \$500 Bursaries are awarded each year:

The Kootenay Co-op Youth Award

Deadline: April 30th

All youth (up to and including 25 years) who are pursuing post-secondary education and are active Co-op members, or whose parent(s) are active Co-op members, are eligible to apply.

The Linda Prentice Memorial Award

Deadline: July 31st

Open to any woman who is currently residing in the West Kootenays and is pursuing accredited studies in alternative medicine.

The Gordon Seward Art & Music Award

Deadline: July 31st

Open to anyone currently residing in the West Kootenays who is pursuing accredited studies in Art or Music.



SERVICES TO MEMBERS

How To Apply for a Bursary

pull-out
application form



Bursaries will be presented at your high school graduation ceremony or at a Kootenay Co-op Event. The bursary will be paid to the Institute upon proof of enrolment. Candidates may apply each year. Current staff members and their families are ineligible to apply.

You may attach additional information to answer any of the questions more fully

Which Bursary are you applying for?

Kootenay Co-op Youth Award *Deadline April 30*
Linda Prentice Memorial Award *Deadline July 31*
Gordon Seward Art & Music Award *Deadline July 31*

Tell us about your circumstances.

Why have you applied for the bursary?
(Include any special circumstances relevant to the application)

Who are you?

Name

Phone #

Mailing Address

Tell us about your schooling.

High School

Graduation year

Date of Birth

Co-op Membership #

Name of Membership

Education Summary
(include marks, grades, any special achievements and awards to date.)

What do you want to study?

Intended Educational Institute

Area of study

Length of course(s)

Accreditation

Tell us about your work history.

Present employment

Work summary (include any paid or volunteer work to date)

Career plans

Signature / Date



*pull-out
application form*

SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

How To Apply for an Endowment or Donation

First decide what type of donation or endowment would most suit your needs. Applications should be sent to the Marketing Co-ordinator, before the deadlines outlined below, or well in advance of the date of your event.

What are you applying for?

\$500 Environmental Fund
Deadline: April 14th each year

World Food Day Partnership
Deadline: August 31st each year

1% for Community Donation Days
Monthly donation. Applications
accepted ongoing.

Till donation cards.

Gift Certificate

The Giving Tree participant

Fruit or veggie platter

Other

Your Organization
Name

Address

Phone #

Contact Person name & phone #

Feel free to attach additional information

*pull-out
application form*



Tell us about your Organization

Brief History/background

Mission Statement

Goals, short & long term

Achievements to date

Signature/Date

Details of this project

Event Name

When it is happening

How it will benefit the community

Have you ever received a donation from the Co-op?

Yes

No

If yes, then

When?

For what purpose?

Are you being funded for this project from other sources?

If yes,

From where?



SERVICES TO MEMBERS

How To Apply for other Services

*Return this form to Customer Service
What are you applying for?*

Co-op Membership

Name

Phone #

Mailing Address

Drivers License #

Name of additional household
member who will use this #

Opening Share Value

Class or Workshop (specify)

Store Tour (give dates)

Other (specify)

Name

Phone #

Mailing Address

Co-op Membership #

Name of Membership

Signature / Date

SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY

Endowments & Donations



Priority is given to community non-profit groups for food-related projects, but all community groups are welcome to apply. Use the pull-out application in the middle of this booklet.

1. The \$500 Environmental Fund

Non profit groups in the West Kootenays are eligible to apply for a specific environmental project in our community. Examples are:

Increasing local food security;

global warming;

fossil fuel reduction;

waste reduction;

composting/recycling;

organic farming;

gardening/urban farming;

pesticide reduction;

wildlife/greenspace preservation.

Deadline for applications: April 14.

2. World Food Day Partnership

To commemorate World Food Day on October 16th, the Co-op partners with a non-profit, food related organization for fundraising and education. Deadline for applications: August 31.

3. Community Donation Days

The third Tuesday of every month is designated Community Donation Day. 1% of sales is donated to an eligible group. Apply at any time.

4. The Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree is laden with \$10 coupons, although any dollar amount is appreciated.

When you ring the card for your chosen group through the till with your regular purchases, that dollar amount will be given to a variety of non-profit community groups. Local non-profit organizations are invited to apply.

5. 15% discount for community

dinners. Ask if your community event qualifies for this discount

6. Donation cards at the till

It's easy for customers to use these donation cards. Suggested donation per swipe is \$2.00, but the donation can be for any amount. Customers often round up their shopping bill by donating their change. Currently we have eight groups in our till donations program:

The West Kootenay Women's Centre, Organic Agriculture Protection Fund (OAPF), Broader Horizons, ANKORS, Second Chance Animal Shelter, Pregnancy Outreach, and Stepping Stones.

Let us know if you would like us to consider your group.

7. Miscellaneous Donations

We can give gift certificates for a door prize or silent auction at your fundraising event. We can make you a fruit or veggie platter for your reception. Let us know how we can help you.

8. Food Donations

Food which is past date but still edible is donated to food banks and community kitchens only.



Other ways the Co-op supports our community

Event sponsorship. The Co-op supports Youth Soccer, Kootenay Co-op Radio, Fliks Filmfest and offers program advertising for shows, festivals and community gatherings. We can also sponsor a speaker to come to the area.

Speakers & workshops. Ask us to deliver a cooking class, food demo or talk on health & nutrition or alternative medicine to your group. We have a number of staff with a wealth of experience and knowledge in a number of health-related areas as well as having access to resources in our community.

The Co-op covered patio is available for non-profit, non-political groups for them to raise awareness about their particular projects. You can phone, call in person at the office or submit a written request to reserve this space.

The Welcome Wagon & Baby Welcome. The Co-op supports new residents & new moms with a gift certificate or discount coupon.

How you help the Co-op support your community

By being a Co-op shopper you *automatically* support your community. Here's a few additional suggestions...

1. **Shop on Community Donation Days & World Food Days**
2. **Use the Till Donations cards**
(a great way to keep change out of your pocket)
3. **Support The Giving Tree**
4. **Join in the fundraising socials**

Who has The Co-op Supported over the last year or two?

AFKO
Amnesty International
ANKORS
Appledale Children's Centre
Baby Welcome
Bigby Place
Books For Kids
Brent Kennedy Elementary School
Broader Horizons
C. Allen Charity Hockey
Canadian Cancer Society
Chamber of Commerce Gala
Colombia Basin All For Literacy
Ducks Unlimited
Fat Tire Festival
Food Not Bombs
Francophone Society
Friends of Nelson Library
Ghetto Arts Collective
Glacier Gymnastics
Harrop Procter Centennial
International School of the Kootenays
Katimavik Volunteers

Kootenay Co-op Radio
Kootenay Lake Vintage Car Club
Kootenay Kids
Kootenay Pride
Kootenay Rhythm Dragons
MOM's
Navy League Nelson Lions Club
Nelson Figure Skating
Nelson SPCA
N & D Community Complex
N & D Hospice Society
N & D Youth Centre
Nelson Blueliners
Nelson Business Association
Nelson CARES Society
Nelson Food Cupboard
Nelson Nordic Ski Club
Nelson Triathlon
Nelson Waldorf School
Our Way Home

Oxygen Arts Centre
Pura Vida Foundation
Redfish Elementary
Rosemont Elementary
Salmo Bonspiel
Second Chance Animal Shelter
Special Olympics
St. Joseph's School
St. Saviour Food Cupboard
Stepping Stones For Success
Teen Life Choices
Touchstones Nelson
We Are What We Do
Welcome Wagon
West Kootenay Eco Society
West Kootenay Women's Association
Winlaw Elementary School
Winlaw Waterfest