

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. They have been paid to
- the membership for the last four
- successive years.
- Special orders
- Delivery service
- Community bulletin board
- Promotional events such as
- World Food Day, Earth Day,
- Co-op birthday, member picnic.

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

- Date of Birth
- Co-op Membership #
- Name of Membership

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



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

Delivery Service (give dates)

Class or Workshop (specify)

Store Tour (give dates)

Other (specify)

Name

Phone #

Mailing Address

Co-op Membership #

Name of Membership

Signature/Date



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application form*

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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

5% for World Food Day
Deadline August 31st each year

1% for Community Donation Days
Monthly donation 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 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.

Deadline for applications April 14.

2. World Food Day Donation

Deadline for applications is September 30th. To commemorate World Food Day on October 16th each year, the Co-op donates 5% of sales to an eligible group.

3. Community Donation Days

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

4. 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 four groups in our till donations program:

The West Kootenay Women's Centre,
The Advocacy Centre,
The Aimee Beaulieu Transition House
Home Support Community Kitchen

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

5. The Giving Tree.

Our Giving Tree is laden with \$10 coupons. When you ring these through the till with your regular purchases, that dollar amount will be given to a variety of community groups who provide dinners for those in need during the holiday season. Other organizations are invited to apply.

6. 15% discount for community dinners.

Ask if your community event qualifies for this discount.

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, Co-op Radio, Streetfest, 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 or call in person at the office 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?

*The Nelson Food Coalition
The Nelson Food Cupboard
The Advocacy Centre
Castlegar Community Kitchen
Our Daily Bread
Earth Matters
SPUD
Fruit Tree Mapping Project
Halo Hampers
The Good Food Box
Nelson Pregnancy Outreach Program
Short Term Accomodation Project (NDCRS)
Salmo Grows Together
GAGE Program (Mt. Sentinel School)
Nelson & District Seniors Coordinating Society.
ANKORS
Kootenay Co-op Radio
Streetfest
Rosemont Community Garden*

*Nelson Family Literacy Project
West Kootenay Eco Society
Nelson & District Youth Centre
Salmo Family Literacy
YMIR Family Support Group
The Family Place
The Women's Centre
Aimee Beaulieu Transition House
Save Our Services
Kootenay Film Festival
Nordic Ski Club
Glacier Gymnastics
Second Chance Animal Shelter
Rotary Club
Nelson Fire Department
Students To Stratford
Salmo Ski Racers
Wilderness Tracks
Friends Of The Family
Barter Bucks Program
Salmo Seniors Housing
Lions Club
Women On Wilderness*

*Loop Fit Day
Gay Pride
Bonnington Community Park
Slocan River Streamkeepers
KNACK
Relay For A Friend
Jewish / Arab Peace Organization
Slocan Valley Parks & Recreation
Project Echoes
Kootenay Cup Race
Heart To Heart
Festival Of Trees
Kootenay Lake Fall Fair
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Salmo Watershed
Art Farm Society
TASK
Winlaw Elementary School
North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council
WE Graham
Well-Being Week
ALS*