

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.

## Scholarships

### \$1,000 Kootenay Co-op Members' Scholarship

The new, Kootenay Co-op Members' Scholarship takes effect in 2012 and replaces the Gordon Seward Art & Music Award, the Linda Prentice memorial Award and the Kootenay Co-op Youth Award.

Deadline for Applications: April 30th each year. The Members' Scholarship must be used for post-secondary education in the year of application.

Eligibility: Open to an active Kootenay Co-op member who is currently residing in the West Kootenay or an individual whose parent(s) are active members. Preference will be given but not limited to, those pursuing studies in the following categories:

- Food & Agriculture
- Environment
- Cooperatives

The Scholarship will be selected on the following criteria:

- Area of study
- Grades and special achievements
- Financial need
- Work history, paid and volunteer
- Career plans

## 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



# SERVICES TO MEMBERS

## How To Apply for a Scholarship

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application form



Scholarships will be presented to recipients at a Kootenay Co-op event and will be paid to the Educational Institute upon proof of enrolment. Candidates may apply each year. Current staff members and their families are not eligible to apply. You may attach additional information to answer any of the questions more fully.

### *Who are you?*

Name

Phone #

Mailing Address

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 circumstances.*

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

### *Tell us about your schooling.*

High School

Graduation year

Education Summary

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

### *Tell us about your work history.*

Present employment

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

Career plans



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# 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

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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?



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# 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.

### 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;

climate change;

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 organization for food-related 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 Seasonal Giving Tree

The Giving Tree provides an opportunity to support those in need during the Festive Season. Local non-profit organizations are invited to apply.

### 5. Till Donation Cards

Till donation cards provide an opportunity for customers to donate any amount, large or small, to a non-profit organization, while ringing through their Co-op purchases. Customers can choose from a selection of non-profit organizations, which are reviewed annually.

### 7. Miscellaneous Donations

We offer gift certificates for a door prize, silent auction item or a food platter for your fundraising event. Let us know how you would like us to support you.

### 8. Food Donations

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



## Other ways the Co-op supports our community

**Event sponsorship.** The Co-op supports Youth Soccer, Kootenay Co-op Radio, F likes 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-partisan groups for them to raise awareness about their particular projects. Please apply at least one week in advance by phone, in person or by submitting 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*