



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

SUPPORTING CO-OPERATIVES, CREDIT UNIONS & MUTUALS ACROSS ONTARIO

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES AND INCREASING COLLABORATION WITHIN THE SECTOR, TO CREATE STRONGER LOCAL ECONOMIES



WHY JOIN OCA?

Members of the Ontario Co-operative Association believe in the power of co-operation and that co-operatives contribute to the sustainable growth and development of communities across Ontario. **By being a co-operative, or by supporting co-operative businesses and the sector, you are already doing your part to help keep local economies strong and vibrant.** When you become a member of OCA, you are supporting the collaboration, advocacy, education and awareness-building that is necessary to sustain our unique sector and create a better world through co-operation.



THE COMMON VOICE OF CO-OPERATIVES

We communicate with government and advocate for a more favourable legislative environment that allows for the growth and sustainability of our sector. We also raise the awareness of co-operatives, credit unions, and mutuals, by educating the public and youth on co-operative business practices and principles.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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. Key benefits for **all members** include:

- **Special member-only rates** for our programs, products and services.
- **Free enrollment** in our co-operative ON Board program for directors, staff and volunteers.
- **Access** to our digital resources library and knowledgeable staff.
- **Complimentary job postings** on our website, keeping talent in our sector.
- **Advanced notice** of new programs, service offerings and events through our Member Bulletins.
- **Invitation to participate** in our events at Queen's Park with MPPs, and at organized meetings with MPBSD and FSRA.
- **Promotion** of your organization (or your programs, services and events) on our website and social media channels.

In addition to these benefits, these specific membership categories receive:

MEMBER-OWNERS (VOTING MEMBERS)

- **Opportunity to contribute** to our Board, and vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- **Engagement in** committees, task groups and sector consultations. These are what allows us to continually evolve and offer services that are current, relevant and impactful to the co-operative sector in Ontario.

ASSOCIATES

- **Special business listing** on our website.
- **Advertisement** in a Member Bulletin.
- **Referral Service** to potential clients.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Our categories and dues are designed to recognize the varying stages of an organizations capacity to strengthen and unite the co-operative movement. **You are encouraged to join at a level that suits the size and ability of your organization to contribute.** A guide to our categories is below:

CO-OP CHAMPION (Member-Owner): \$50,000 +

Very large and well established co-operatives, credit unions, mutuals, or federations who wish to contribute significantly to the vision and mission of OCA both financially and strategically, through a designated seat on the Board of Directors.

CO-OP LEADER (Member-Owner): \$10,000 +

Large, established co-operatives, credit unions, mutuals, or federations who are leaders in their sector and wish to contribute to the work of OCA and the movement as a whole.

CO-OP BACKER (Member-Owner): \$5,000 +

Medium to large established co-operatives, credit unions, or mutuals who wish to back the work of OCA, contributing more financially to the success of the movement.

CO-OP BOOSTER (Member-Owner): \$3,000 +

Small to medium sized, co-operatives, credit unions, or mutuals that wish to contribute financially to boost the work of OCA and the movement in Ontario.

CO-OP SUPPORTER (Member-Owner): \$500 +

New or small co-operatives that wish to support the co-operative sector in Ontario.

ASSOCIATE: \$500

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-operatives, credit unions and mutuals. Visit our [Associate Members page](#) to learn more.

FRIEND: \$75 - \$500

Members of Member-owners (MOMOs), non co-operatives, 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.

+ To contribute a different amount, please contact us before applying online.

Payment is due upon approval. All dues are subject to the addition of HST upon payment.

READY TO JOIN?

[Apply online now](#) and select the category of **Member-Owner, Associate, or Friend** that best suits your organization. If your organization already has an account with us, you will be asked to sign in with your email. If you have any questions or need assistance, please connect Jennifer Ross, Executive Director, at 519-763-8271 x 22 or by email to jross@ontario.coop.



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