



**The Kootenay Co-op values community dialogue and empowerment through education about food, health, the environment and social justice. Each year, the Co-op offers a \$1000 scholarship in support of our vision of thriving communities with resilient food systems, where all people have access to affordable food that is healthy for our bodies, our communities and the Earth.**

### **Eligibility:**

This scholarship is open to any active Co-op member (or the child of an active Co-op member) currently residing in the West Kootenays, for education at an accredited post-secondary institution.

Current members of our staff and board of directors (and their family members) are ineligible to apply.

Should the successful applicant not be accepted to the school named on the application form, the Co-op reserves the right to award the scholarship to the runner-up.

Preference will be given to applicants who are planning to attend school in the current year and pursuing studies in one or more of the following areas:

- Food
- Agriculture
- Cooperatives
- Community Development
- Environmental Studies
- Alternative Health

## **Application Process:**

1. Applicants must complete and sign this Member Scholarship application form, including the Personal Statement.
2. The completed application must be received at the Co-op by the April 25th deadline, preferably by email to [community@kootenay.coop](mailto:community@kootenay.coop).
3. Applications will be reviewed by a Co-op selection committee comprised of staff and board members.
4. The successful applicant is asked to attend a Co-op event to receive their award.

The selection committee strives to choose the applicant who would most benefit from this opportunity, and who we believe will make the most significant contribution to their local and global community in alignment with the Co-op's vision, mission and values (attached). All information submitted will be used in the decision-making process. We encourage applicants to answer the questions fully and to attach additional information as necessary to support their applications.

## **Kootenay Co-op Member Scholarship**

### **APPLICATION FORM**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-op Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

**What do you intend to study?**

Area of study \_\_\_\_\_

Intended degree or certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Educational Institution \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us about your schooling**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grad year \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary School (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Grad year \_\_\_\_\_

Formal Education - notable grades, special achievements and awards

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Other Accreditation - certificates, courses or workshops

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**Tell us about your relevant work history** (including volunteerism)

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**Personal Statement**

In approximately 500 words, explain how this scholarship will help you to make this world a better place. What makes you uniquely qualified to utilize this scholarship to its full potential? Make a concerted effort to connect your chosen field of study to the Co-op’s vision, mission, and values (attached).

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**Thank you** for applying for the Kootenay Co-op Member Scholarship. Good luck!

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
*(typed name accepted if application is filled out electronically)*



## *Vision*

We envision thriving communities with resilient food systems, where all people have access to affordable food that is healthy for our bodies, our communities, and the Earth.

## *Mission*

We serve our members and community and strengthen our local food system by providing the highest quality, local, sustainable, and organic products at reasonable prices, in a welcoming environment, with exemplary customer service.

## *Core Values*

1. We favour local and regional growers, processors, and producers committed to sustainable practices.
2. We source organic products when feasible and available.
3. We provide fair compensation and a meaningful, just work experience for all employees.
4. We promote community dialogue and empowerment through education about food, health, the environment and social justice.
5. We are committed to philanthropy, and we support local organizations that enrich our community.
6. We strive to balance equally social justice, environmental stewardship and financial responsibility.