



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Distinguished Service Award Program was introduced by Central 1 in 1979 to recognize outstanding service to the Ontario Credit Union movement beyond the level of the individual credit union. Ontario Credit Union assumed responsibility for the administration and adjudication of this award in 2020.

Selection criteria was established as follows:

Nominations be limited to those who:

- have a record of meritorious service to the Credit Union Movement in Ontario (beyond the local credit union to which he or she belongs);
- have practical experience in the development, governance, and/or operation of credit unions;
- have demonstrated leadership in preservation and extension of the philosophy of people helping people;
- are aware of the role of credit unions as co-operatively developed socioeconomic institutions and not solely as profit motivated institutions;
- have the ability and willingness to advocate forthrightly on credit union challenges and opportunities;
- have outstanding accomplishments demonstrate their commitment and passion to the credit union system.

Recognition will take the form of a special medallion, awarded at OCUF's Annual General Meeting – to be retained by the recipient of the Award. A listing of award recipients can be found on the OCUF website.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

When making your nomination, please consider carefully how he or she met or meets the criteria, visibly demonstrating their commitment and provide as much information as you can. The more the better.

Meritorious Service

Describe various positions held by the one you nominate as a volunteer, a credit union employee or other capacity. Give examples of his or her unique achievements, particularly those that had effects much beyond the local credit union to which he or she belonged. What did he or she do for the credit union movement that deserves special recognition – things that were truly outstanding and which set him or her apart from others?

Practical Experience

Give examples of those instances that provided him or her with broad experience in the development, governance and/or operation of credit unions.

Leadership

Cite the ways in which he or she took a leadership role to preserve and enhance credit union philosophy.

Advocacy

How did he or she advocate (either in speaking, writing, or in actions) on credit union issues? Give examples where he or she spoke publicly (to large or small groups), or articles he or she wrote or contributed to, which advance the cause of credit unions.

Accomplishments

What outstanding accomplishments demonstrate their commitment and passion to the credit union system?