



The Cooperative Advantage

When it comes to making economic and charitable contributions to their communities, the nation's more than 40,000 cooperative businesses are industry leaders, setting the bar high for other types of businesses. Being owned largely by people who live and work in the communities they serve gives cooperatives a different perspective from businesses owned by distant investors.

These co-ops are motivated to serve their members, not outside investors. Nationwide these 40,000 cooperative businesses are sometimes an overlooked but thriving economic sector. Co-ops come in all shapes and sizes, and they operate in virtually every industry and range in size from small storefronts to Fortune 500 companies.

From the agricultural standpoint, nearly 3,000 farmer cooperatives account for 300,000 jobs nationwide and a total payroll of more than \$8 billion. Some of the well-known farmer cooperatives include SunKist, Land O'Lakes, CHS (Cenex Harvest States), Farm Credit Services of America, and AGP.

In Nebraska, farmer-owned cooperatives also contribute heavily to the economy of our state. For instance:

54 local supply/marketing co-ops operating:	\$6.6 billion	total sales of local supply/marketing co-ops
54 headquarter locations	\$2.5 billion	total assets of co-ops
359 branch locations in Nebraska	\$211.2 million	employee payroll (w/ benefits)
26 branch locations out of state	\$180.3 million	net savings generated by local co-ops
9 regional co-ops operating in Nebraska	\$91.3 million	investment in new equipment and facilities in past year
5,000+ cooperative employees (full and part-time)	\$82.2 million	patronage refunds in past year
66,000+ total voting members of co-ops	\$10.8 million	equity/estate redemption in past year

As you can see, cooperatives in Nebraska are vital to our economy. There are many outstanding career opportunities for young people wishing to pursue a career in the rural portions of our state. The Nebraska Cooperative Council represents these businesses that are focused on production agriculture, and we encourage you to explore what could be a very rewarding career in one of Nebraska's farmer-owned cooperatives. Then you too will understand The Cooperative Advantage.

Nebraska Cooperative Council Education Foundation

Scholarship Program

in Honor of Dr. Michael S. Turner

for the 2010-11 Academic Year

One **\$650** scholarship at Chadron State College to an upperclass student majoring or minoring in agribusiness.

For sons/daughters of a parent/legal guardian who has been an active member, director, or employee for at least the prior three (3) years of a cooperative which has been a member in good standing of the Council for the past five (5) years. Scholarship(s) will be awarded without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, or disability.

FOR AN APPLICATION FORM:

Contact Heather Crofutt in Financial Aid at 432-6320,
or
Go to the Nebraska Cooperative Council's website at
www.nebr.coop

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2010





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2010-11 APPLICATION FORM

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[An electronic Version of this form is available at www.nebr.coop]

Student Name: _____ College Student ID#: _____

Declared Major/Minor: _____

Class Status for the 2010/11 Academic Year (circle one):

UNL: FR SO JR SR **NCTA:** 1st Year 2nd Year **Chadron:** SO JR SR

Permanent Address (Street, City, St, Zip): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Can you be reached at your permanent address/phone/email over the summer? Yes No
 If no, please give summer address/phone/email below:

Parents/Legal Guardians' Name: _____

Parents/Legal Guardians' Address (Street, City, St, Zip): _____

Name and Location of Local Cooperative Membership: _____ # of Years

Name and Town of Hometown Newspaper: _____

High School Attended: _____

Leadership Activities/Outstanding Achievements in High School and/or College (membership and offices held in organizations, awards, honor societies, etc) [Attach a separate sheet of paper if needed.]

Career Plans:

Return completed application forms by **April 15, 2010** to:

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