

Missouri Institute of Cooperatives Cooperative Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame is sponsored and administered by the Missouri Institute of Cooperatives to honor distinguished individuals (living or deceased) whose contributions to the cooperative form of business are truly exceptional and deserve special recognition. Awards will be presented annually to the selected nominees at the MIC Annual Meeting.

Mission: To ensure a permanent, prestigious recognition of cooperative leaders for future generations.

Selection Criteria

- Cooperative in which the nominee served must be a member of MIC with the exception of Heritage category.
- Effectively communicated the value of cooperative membership and involvement.
- Served in cooperative leadership roles (not necessarily management).
- Promoted innovative programs and policies that increase membership benefits.
- Achieved identifiable and lasting changes to improve and promote cooperatives.
- Involved in civic and community activities.
- Those whose leadership was instrumental in the growth and service of their cooperative's patrons/members and/or to their agricultural cooperatives.
- Those whose leadership fostered and promoted unity and a common approach to agricultural cooperative associations and or organizations in which they had a common interest.
- Current MIC Board Members are not eligible until his/her board term has ended.

Selection Categories

Persons will be recognized in a category of heritage, member, employee, or friend of cooperatives (educator, legislator, media person, community person, etc.).

The Heritage award is designed to honor executives, directors or employees who were affiliated with cooperatives that were predecessors to cooperatives in existence today or cooperatives that no longer exist. These individuals were instrumental in the historical development and success of the cooperative form of enterprise in Missouri.

Selection Procedure

- Nomination forms will be provided to MIC members approximately 60 days prior to the deadline date.
- Nominations may be made by individuals or organizations.
- Nominations are held in the selection pool for three years.
- Inductees will be honored at the MIC Annual Meeting.

Selection Committee

Nominations will be reviewed and final selections made by the committee. At the discretion of the Selection Committee, awards may be limited to preserve and fulfill the mission of the Hall of Fame Program.