

EWO Co-op Awards

In 2012, EWO implemented a Co-op Career Achievement Award (CCAA) to recognize the valuable contributions EWO members make towards making post-secondary co-operative education a prominent and structured form of work-integrated-learning (WIL) in Ontario and across Canada.

This year the EWO Executive Board and CCAA committee decided to enhance the award with broader categories to recognize members who make valuable contributions to the overall success of co-op.

Do you have a colleague or administrator who deserves recognition from their peers across the province; please consider nominating them within one of the categories below. Although multiple categories are presented to provide a variety of areas for recognition, it is not expected that an award is presented annually within each category.

EWO Enhancing the Student Experience Award (Individual or Team Award)

This Award may be presented to an **individual** or **team** who demonstrate the most outstanding achievements in providing inspiration and innovation in enhancing the student co-op experience. Examples might include, but are not limited to:

- the identification and optimization of opportunities that contribute to supporting co-op students' academic, personal, social and/or cultural needs;
- outstanding contribution to student learning, demonstrating exemplary initiative in offering co-op students a personally and/or intellectually rewarding curricular and/or extracurricular learning experience;
- creating an inclusive co-op student environment at that embraces diversity and equality;
- extending the range of co-op student networking activities that take place on or off campus to give all students a greater opportunity to participate;
- developing innovative systems and processes that enhance the co-op student experience in a significant way.

EWO Rising Star Award (Individual)

This award category is for an **individual** that is a new volunteer whose volunteer contributions made or are making a positive difference in co-op. Generally, nominees in this category have **volunteered for no more than three years and have less than 5 years' experience working in co-op**. Examples might include, but are not limited to:

- new volunteer with EWO and/or CAFCE;
- One to five year employee within an educational institute or organization that offers or participates in post-secondary co-operative education program delivery or student hiring;
- encompasses qualities listed within the leadership and/or enhancing student experience categories

EWO Unsung Hero (Individual)

This award category recognizes an individual who consistently delivers while working behind the scenes to ensure co-op success within their department. Examples might include, but are not limited to:

- consistently provide high quality, reliable and critical work that, if undone, would halt highly visible operations
- demonstrate a steady willingness to improve work situations and does so without prompting or fanfare

EWO Co-op Mentor (Individual)

This award category is for an **individual** who serves as mentor to their co-workers, co-op students or co-op volunteers:

- positively influence others in working towards departmental or organizational co-op objectives
- actively participate in fostering others through change initiatives
- invest time and effort in coaching and/or mentoring
- serve as role models to others through positive interactions

Lifelong Achievement Award (Individual)

This Award may be presented to an individual who has made a difference in his or her co-op association(s) by volunteering and leading volunteer efforts over the course of their lives. Generally, nominees in this category have volunteered for more than 20 service years. Their contributions may have been made through ongoing commitments to one or more associations or causes. Retirees can be included. Examples might include, but are not limited to:

- long term volunteer with EWO and/or CAFCE
- long term employee or retiree within an educational institute or organization that offers or participates in post-secondary co-operative education program delivery or student hiring
- encompasses qualities listed within the leadership and/or enhancing student experience categories

EWO Leadership Award (Individual)

This Award may be presented to an **individual** who demonstrates the most outstanding achievements. Examples might include, but are not limited to:

- demonstrating exemplary leadership skills that have a positive impact on a Team and/or department;
- demonstrating outstanding leadership skills with external partners, strengthening the organization's external engagement with, and contribution to co-op;

- effectively building and articulating the vision and mission of a team / unit by fostering motivation of group members and ensuring a deep level of commitment from all team members;
- inspiring a sense of collaboration, co-operation and trust to enable the team/ unit to achieve its defined goals and objectives;
- exhibiting exceptional analytical and decision-making skills in realizing the goals and objectives of the team / unit;
- creating sustainable and/or innovative methods for improving organizational performance and operational efficiency
- demonstrating a commitment to team/unit professional development

EWO Co-op Business Leader (Department, Team or Organization)

Nominees in this category are businesses that demonstrate ethical co-op recruitment and support of co-operative education. Businesses are vital contributors to the success of co-op programs through hiring and mentoring co-op students, sponsorship and volunteer contributions to name a few. Since businesses' contributions to co-operative education can take many forms, nominees' volunteer contributions can vary widely. Through responsible actions, businesses, including social enterprises, move towards creating shared value by either partnering with EWO member educational institutions or co-operative education associations such as EWO and CAFCE to enhance post-secondary co-operative education in Ontario.

General Information

Award recipients will be recognized at the Annual General Meeting, where they will receive recognition of their accomplishment and a certificate from the EWO President and Board members. If the recipient is not able to attend the AGM in person, arrangements will be made to present the certificate at an alternate location and date.

Nomination deadline is April 26th

Nomination Information required (use Survey Monkey to collect)

Nominator's First Name:

Nominator's Last Name:

Nominator's job title:

Nominator's institution/company (if a student, your school and program):

Nominators' E-mail Address:

Nominator's Daytime Phone Number and ext:

Nominee's First name

Nominee's Last name

How do you know this person?:

Has this person been notified of your nomination? Yes/No comments

Where does the nominee work?:

Nominee job title?:

How can the nominee be contacted? :

Nominee Phone Number and Ext.:

Nominee email:

What category are you nominating this individual/team or company within (select from list)?

In answering each question below, remember that you are essentially painting a picture of the nominee's contribution. Provide a brief description of the nominee's co-op contribution that can be shared with the public and EWO members to highlight the nominee's contribution. There are a total of **60 points** awarded for the following:

What **role** do/did they perform to make them deserving of this nomination? (Maximum of **15 points**)

What **impact** did the nominee's actions have on co-op within your institution, a co-op student's success, or co-op partners? (Maximum of **15 points**)

Describe who benefitted from the nominees contribution. (Maximum of **15 points**)

Describe how the nominee's contributions fostered teamwork or collaboration among others. (Maximum of **5 points**)

Describe any challenges the nominee has overcome to make a contribution to co-op. (Maximum of **5 points**)

Describe how the nominee has become a role model or inspiration to others in co-operative education. (Maximum of **5 points**)

Why do you think they are deserving of an award?: Add any additional comments not included above.

Supporting documents – select submission option from list:

- 1) email documents to info@ewo.ca
- 2) Copy and paste contents in comments (include a comments with lots of space)
 - Be sure to include the person's name and contact information.

By Submitting this nomination, I agree to have my name published as the nominator and provided to the nominee when they are notified they have been nominated.

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