



Thank you very much for your interest in NASCO! On the other side of this page is an application for membership. Please let us know if you have any additional questions. We look forward to a long relationship!

Benefits of NASCO active membership:

- Being an active participant in the cooperative movement, thereby helping build the strength of cooperatives throughout North America.
- Assistance with development and expansion projects.
- On-site visit for training and consultation at least once every two years.
- Reduction of 30-40% in registration fees for the annual NASCO Institute conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Subscription to *Co-op Voices*.
- Up-to-date job notices of job openings in US and Canadian cooperatives.
- A free copy of the NASCO's Guide to Co-ops.
- NASCO's Cooperative Education Internship Program listings.
- NASCO regional conferences.
- On-going networking with the cooperative movement.
- Regular consultation and assistance via electronic mail and telephone.
- NASCO membership cards which facilitate visiting other member co-ops across the country.

Cost of membership:

Housing Cooperatives:

To become a member will cost \$10 per person in your co-op as a joining fee (e.g., \$200 if you have 20 members). After that, you will pay \$36.00 per new member.

After the initial payment to cover your current members, we will bill quarterly -- generally, there is one big bill to pay in the fall and smaller bills for other quarters. We collect on a honor system: we will send you a blank invoice as a reminder, and you will tell us how many new members you have, sending back the appropriate amount.

Worker/ Retail Cooperatives:

To become an active member of NASCO, worker/retail cooperatives should pay .03% of the co-op's gross revenue each year. Minimum due is \$150; maximum due is \$1,000. We collect on a honor system: we will send you a blank invoice as a reminder, and you will tell us how much you have grossed, sending back the appropriate amount.

Part of a movement

NASCO is a membership organization of like-minded cooperatives across the continent. We also have ties to cooperatives in Japan and other parts of the world, as well as participating in the American and Canadian national associations. When you join NASCO, you are joining with millions of people in credit unions, farm co-ops, rural electric, family housing, worker, consumer, child care, and other co-ops which meet the varied needs of their members here and abroad. Welcome!



Application for co-op membership

Please fill out the information below and return to the NASCO office along with a check for your initial members:

Name of Cooperative: _____

Address: _____

Co-op phone: (_____) _____

Co-op web site (if any): _____

Name of current contact person: _____

Position: _____

e-mail address: _____

Personal phone (if any): (_____) _____

(housing co-op) Capacity when full: _____

(retail co-op) number of Staff/ volunteer workers: _____

Is your organization *primarily*:

____ Undergraduate students ____ Graduate students ____ Non-students

Does your board, include alumni or community members in addition to residents/ workers?

____ Yes ____ No

Are you incorporated? ____ Yes ____ No Are you income tax exempt? ____ Yes ____ No

Initial billing:

Housing: Number of current members ____ x \$10 per member = \$ _____

Retail: \$150 or .03% of gross quarterly revenue _____

Please enclose a check and send this page to: NASCO, P.O. Box 180048, Chicago, IL 60618). Online membership application and payment are accepted at www.nasco.coop/join.

And a special bonus.... NASCO has a tradition of giving co-op flags to new member groups during the banquet at the Annual NASCO Institute. Be ready!