2019 INDIANA CREDIT UNION AWARDS PROGRAM

Recognizing the achievements of Indiana’s Credit Union Leaders
AWARDS PROGRAMS

The League Awards programs give us a way to recognize credit unions whose actions support and promote the “People Helping People” philosophy that is so prevalent among credit unions and to honor the individuals who have provided outstanding service, guidance and commitment to the credit union movement in Indiana.

HALL OF FAME

The Indiana Credit Union Hall of Fame was created in 1989 to recognize credit union leaders who have given outstanding long-term service to the Indiana credit union movement. Credit unions, chapters and the Awards Committee are eligible to nominate individuals.

METHOD: The Awards Committee may make selections based upon the criteria relating to credit union, chapter, League, national, volunteer and community activities. Due to the criteria and qualification process, the Hall of Fame Award may not be presented every year. Nominations may be submitted by the Awards Committee or board of directors of any chapter or credit union in Indiana by completing a nomination form and returning it by the deadline. A Personal Data Form will be sent to each nominee.

RECOGNITION: Induction into the Hall of Fame takes place at the League’s annual convention. A photo-etched plaque of each inductee will also be displayed in the Credit Union Hall of Fame, located in the League office.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person who has given long-term paid or volunteer service to the credit union movement is eligible. The immediate past chairman of the Indiana Credit Union League automatically will be considered for the Hall of Fame. Current directors and employees of the League and Servicecorp are not eligible to receive the award.

CRITERIA: To be inducted into the Indiana Credit Union Hall of Fame, the recipient must:

• be an employee, official, and/or member of a credit union that is a member of the League.
• have selflessly given exceptional time, effort and talent to the betterment of the Indiana credit union movement.
• have served, assisted or been involved in the credit union movement for more than 20 years.
• be in good standing in the community.
• understand and personify the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People,” promote the credit union ideal and actively demonstrate loyalty to the entire organized credit union movement.
• have demonstrated organizational leadership, high professional standards, volunteer contributions to the movement and technical innovations in credit union service.

EMERGING LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award recognizes the next generation of credit union leaders and the crucial role these individuals play in the success of their credit unions. Each individual may be nominated by others from their credit union, or by their credit union peers.

METHOD: The Awards Committee may select up to three individuals each year, none from the same credit union, based upon the individuals’ accomplishments and their essay-style responses to two questions. Answers should be a maximum of 250 words.

1. What do you see in the future of the credit union movement?
2. What have you done to prepare for that future, and how will you lead?

RECOGNITION: The winners will be recognized at the League’s annual convention. In addition, the recipient’s name will be added to a plaque in the lobby area of the League’s office that lists winners of this award.

ELIGIBILITY: Individuals employed by League-affiliated credit unions holding managerial positions, with the exception of President/CEO/Manager, are eligible. Current directors and employees of the League and Servicecorp are not eligible to receive the award.

CRITERIA: Candidates will be judged by the Awards Committee based on their accomplishments and on their answers to two screening questions.

Danielle Combs of Crane CU, Jennifer Horton of KEMBA CU and Chris Sipes of Via CU received Emerging Leadership Awards in 2018.

Dave Fleming and Doug True were inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2018.
The Professional Achievement Award was created in 1990 to recognize paid credit union managers/CEOs who have selflessly served to promote the credit union ideal and better the credit union movement in Indiana.

METHOD: The Awards Committee may select one person per year based upon the criteria relating to credit union, chapter, League, national, volunteer and community activities. The Awards Committee or the leadership of any chapter or credit union in Indiana may submit names by completing and returning the nomination form.

RECOGNITION: The winner will be recognized at the League’s annual convention. In addition, the recipient’s name will be added to a plaque in the lobby area of the League’s office that lists winners of this award.

ELIGIBILITY: The nominee must be a paid, full-time manager/CEO of a League-affiliated credit union. Current directors and employees of the League and Servicecorp are not eligible to receive the award.

CRITERIA: Candidates for the Professional Achievement Award must:
• be in good standing in the community.
• understand and personify the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People.”
• promote the credit union ideal and actively demonstrate loyalty to the entire organized credit union movement.
• exhibit leadership and management ability.
• be able to coordinate and work with volunteers and paid staff.
• have a record of success in maintaining or improving the financial fitness of his/her own credit union.
• exhibit an unselfish devotion to his/her duties as a credit union professional.
• be dedicated to and believe in the importance and value of continuing education and training.
• have success in the development and expansion of services to members of his/her own credit union.

Bill Schirmer of Evansville Teachers FCU won the Professional Achievement Award in 2018.

The Leadership Achievement Award (previously named the Volunteer Achievement Award) was created in 1990 to recognize credit union officials who have selflessly served their credit union to better Indiana's credit union movement.

METHOD: The Awards Committee may select one person per year based upon the criteria relating to credit union, chapter, League, national, volunteer and community activities. The Awards Committee or the leadership of any chapter or credit union in Indiana may submit names by completing and returning the nomination form.

RECOGNITION: The winner will be recognized at the League’s annual convention. In addition, the recipient’s name will be added to a plaque in the lobby area of the League’s office that lists winners of this award.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone currently serving or who has served within the past year on the board or committee of a League-affiliated credit union is eligible. Current directors and employees of the League and Servicecorp are not eligible to receive the award.

CRITERIA: Candidates for the Leadership Achievement Award must:
• be in good standing in the community.
• understand and personify the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People.”
• promote the credit union ideal and actively demonstrate loyalty to the organized credit union movement.
• exhibit an unselfish devotion to his/her duties as a credit union official.
• be dedicated to and believe in the importance and value of continuing education and training.
• have success in maintaining or improving the financial fitness of his/her own credit union.
• exhibit dedication to and a belief in the credit union system as evidenced by involvement at the chapter and League levels, and participation in other activities to further the organized movement.

Rona Edquist of First Trust CU won the Leadership Achievement Award in 2018.

The League’s Awards Committee is made up of individuals appointed by the League Chairman who volunteer their time to review nominations for these four awards.
Four projects from Indiana credit unions were recognized with national awards during CUNA’s Governmental Affairs Conference. In the Multiple Credit Union Group category, Indiana’s Credit Unions and the League won a first-place Dora Maxwell Award for the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame Memorial project. Financial Center First CU was recognized with two awards: first-place in the Desjardins Adult competition for Improving the Financial Lives of the Community, and second-place in the Louise Herring competition for its Partnership with the Consul de Mexico of Indiana. Financial Health FCU won a second-place Dora Maxwell Award for its Financial Wellness for Partners in Housing Residents project.

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