



THE MISSION AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ALBERTA COMMUNITY & CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Alberta Community & Co-operative Association (ACCA) is **to strengthen Alberta communities through co-operative and agricultural awareness, training and development.**

ACCA serves co-operatives, credit unions and like minded organizations by providing co-op development resources, youth and adult education, rural development, administrative services, conference coordination and financial management. ACCA is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, representing co-operatives, credit unions and like minded organizations across Alberta.

The ACCA objectives include:

1. To foster a healthy and vibrant co-operative sector,
2. To provide a means for co-operatives to associate and network with other co-operatives,
3. To promote the co-operative model,
4. To support the development of strong Alberta communities through co-operation,
5. To foster the development of community leaders through education,
6. To provide youth education and leadership, and
7. To foster a healthy agriculture sector through co-operation and education.

ACCA invites you to become a member in our co-operative. Help us strengthen Alberta co-operatives and communities.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The Alberta Community & Co-operative Association has two membership categories: Full Member and Auxiliary Member.

CRITERIA FOR FULL MEMBERS

The Alberta Community & Co-operative Association welcomes, as Full Members, all organizations or individuals incorporated or registered to do business in Alberta on a co-operative basis or who support the objectives of ACCA. Each Full Member is a voting member and is eligible to sit on the Board of Directors. Choosing a class of membership is on a voluntary basis and you are free to choose the level of support to ACCA that best fits with your organization.

ACCA has five classes of membership:

1. annual membership dues of \$500 to \$5,000 – one delegate;
2. annual membership dues of \$5,001 to \$10,000 – two delegates;
3. annual membership dues of \$10,001 to \$15,000 – three delegates
4. annual membership dues of \$15,001 to \$20,000 – four delegates; and
5. annual membership dues of over \$20,000 – five delegates.

CRITERIA FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Auxiliary Members are individuals and organizations who support the mission and goals of the ACCA but are not eligible for Full Membership.

Auxiliary Members do not have a vote, nor may they be members of the Board of Directors, but they may participate in all other ACCA activities.

BENEFITS FOR FULL MEMBERS ONLY

1. Democratic control and full participation in membership meetings
2. Run for election to the Board of Directors
3. Have a vote at the Annual General Meeting

BENEFITS FOR FULL MEMBERS AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS

1. You are connected to the family of co-operatives, credit unions and like minded organizations in the province.
2. You can further support the development of a co-operative economy in Alberta.
3. You will benefit from information, research, and publications that will be developed and circulated throughout the year. Receive notification of upcoming events and invitations to ACCA events
4. You will hear about upcoming events such as opportunities to participate in networking sessions and co-operative projects.
5. Have access to any support and referral services that are available.
6. You can participate and work with other members in support of ACCA's mission to strengthen Alberta communities.
7. You can access assistance for the growth and development of your organization.
8. You can access government relations and lobbying expertise.
9. You have the opportunity to further market and promote your organization business by being linked to our website.

PROCESS FOR BECOMING A FULL OR ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ACCA

Step 1

Review the criteria and decide if your organization would best fit in the Full Member or Auxiliary Member category. If you have questions about this, please telephone Michele Aasgard, Executive Director at (780) 451-5959 to discuss it.

Step 2

Complete this application form and mail, fax or email it to the address below.

Step 3

The Board of Directors of ACCA will review your application and determine your eligibility. The Board meets at least 4 times per year however; a special meeting can be called if required. We will notify you as soon as possible. Please do not send a cheque with the application. Your organization will be invoiced after the application has been reviewed and approved.

Organizations that do not meet the criteria for Full Membership are encouraged to join as Auxiliary Members. As part of our application process, ACCA reserves the right to deny applications that do not demonstrate a commitment to our mission. We may contact you to request further information about your organization prior to making a decision.

CURRENT FEES FOR MEMBERS

SIZE OF ORGANIZATION	
Membership Share (one time cost)	\$50
Auxiliary Member – Annual fee	\$100
Full Members	Delegates at Meetings
Annual membership dues of \$500 to \$5,000	One Delegate
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MAIL, FAX OR EMAIL APPLICATION TO:

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