



# Cooperative Internship Recognition Award

*Recognizing tomorrow's cooperative leaders today!*

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## Purpose:

Northeast Cooperative Council members recognize the need for new members and employees willing to lead co-operative businesses in the future as they engage in the global economy, embrace social change, and adapt to changing policies and emerging issues and opportunities.

The NECC encourages students to expand their career aspirations as they learn about cooperative-structured businesses through internships with member cooperatives.

The NECC Cooperative Internship Recognition Award (CIRA) recognizes outstanding students who successfully complete an internship with a NECC member cooperative in good standing.

An award of \$1,000 for up to 5 students will be presented at the organization's Leaders Forum and Annual Meeting, February 28, 2019, Doubletree by Hilton, Syracuse, NY.

## Eligibility:

- ◆ Must successfully complete an internship with a NECC member cooperative between January 1 and November 15, 2018
- ◆ Must be a college junior, senior or graduate student with a minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0 studying in an accredited college in New England, New Jersey, New York, or Pennsylvania
- ◆ Demonstrate successful completion of coursework in one of the following: production agriculture, agri-business, finance, agricultural marketing, food science, agriculture and food policy
- ◆ Complete and submit application by deadline

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## Application Process:

The application will reflect the internship experience in the calendar year preceding year of the award.

- ◆ The application packet includes a current college transcript, faculty recommendation, and internship supervisor recommendation.
- ◆ The applicant will provide a letter of interest to the Review Committee that includes goals, description of internship, leadership experience, course work

## Announcement:

Award announcements will be made January 15th. Recipients will attend the NECC Leaders Forum and Annual Meeting as guests of the NECC. They will prepare a poster for display at the Leaders Forum and provide brief remarks about their internship experience.

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