

## Volunteer Distinguished Service Award

*“Though government has an important role to play in meeting the many challenges that remain before us, we are coming to understand that no organization, including government, will fully succeed without the active participation of each of us. Volunteers are vital to enabling this country to live up to the true promise of its heritage.”*

- A former U.S. President

Volunteering is the essence of the credit union philosophy. Because credit unions are democratic entities, they depend on their members to govern them, to shape and direct their policy, and to speak out for a change when it is necessary. Members make these contributions to their credit union by volunteering. Whether they volunteer to serve on a board or simply vote for the board, their participation is vital. If the members do not participate in their credit union, there can be no credit union.

The Volunteer Distinguished Service Award is the highest individual honor that can be bestowed upon a credit union volunteer in Nebraska. By its very nature, the credit union movement is made up of people willing to give a little extra and do a little more. It is for these volunteers that the Nebraska Credit Union League will recognize one person with this prestigious award at the annual meeting.

**Eligibility:** Any current volunteer from a Nebraska Credit Union is eligible for nomination. All nominations will be kept confidential. Remember, you may nominate yourself or someone else. The nominee does not have to be a President or Manager or be from your credit union. It's not necessary to obtain a nominee's permission, but it may be useful in verifying information for the application.

**Judging:** The Recognition & Awards Advisory Board, confirmed by a full vote of the League board, will determine the top candidate.

Determination of the recipient will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Positions of leadership, accomplishments, and/or exceptional service to his/her own Credit Union.
2. Continuing personal development through Credit Union activities.
3. Exemplifies extraordinary commitment to the Credit Union movement and cooperative philosophy.
4. Participation in Credit Union activities at the League and National levels.
5. Why are you nominating this person?

Please answer these **using a separate piece of paper** including the nominee's name, current credit union affiliation, and their address/phone number.

Return all nominations to the Nebraska Credit Union League, 16929 Frances Street, Suite 203, Omaha, Nebraska 68130 or email [ashaw@nebrucul.org](mailto:ashaw@nebrucul.org).

**\*\*Entries must be received prior to April 15, 2025.**