



Rising Star Award

The CUNA Operations & Member Experience Council's Rising Star Award recognizes and honors an emerging professional in the credit union industry who has a focus on the operations and member experience areas. The recipient of this prestigious award will be an operations and member experience professional whose work demonstrates ongoing and exceptional growth. Their contribution to the future of the credit union industry is evident during the time they've been a part of the movement.

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ELIGIBILITY

Preference may be given to nominees meeting these criteria: prior CUNA Operations & Member Experience Council activity/involvement, those under the age of 35, and/or those with shorter tenure. All nominees must be from a CUNA-affiliated credit union and a current member of the CUNA Operations & Member Experience Council. Current members of the CUNA Operations & Member Experience Council's Executive Committee are not eligible for nomination. To nominate an associate or yourself, complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) no later than **June 14, 2019**. You may nominate more than one person.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Those interested in competing for this prestigious award must be nominated, and then submit their entry materials no later than **July 12, 2019**. Please include the following information:

Please limit your entry to no more than 10 pages total, including your narrative and any collateral materials.

A concise narrative detailing your Council Member Involvement, contributions to your credit union, a major project initiative completed. Describe your contribution potential to the future of the credit union industry as well.

Specifically:

- Explain in detail a specific (or series of related) project/activity which produced extraordinary results for your credit union. List the specific goals and results of the project/activity.
- List some specific example(s) of how this practice contributed to the success of your credit union.
- Provide any additional relevant information to support your entry.



THE SELECTION PROCESS

A panel of Operations & Member Experience Council Executive Committee members and industry professionals will select the Rising Star. The selection will be based on the candidate's involvement, contributions and results.

WINNER RECOGNITION

The winner will be announced at the [22nd Annual CUNA Operations & Member Experience Council Conference](#). The winner should plan on attending the conference and will receive the following:

- The prestigious Rising Star award;
- Recognition in *Credit Union Magazine*;
- Complimentary registration to the [2019 conference](#).

HOW TO ENTER

To nominate an associate or yourself, complete the [Online Nomination Form](#) no later than **June 14, 2019**. After nomination, entry materials must be submitted online by **July 12, 2019** using the steps below.

1. Register an Account
2. Create Your Entry
3. Upload Digital Files
4. Submit Entry

[LOGIN](#) – to begin entry process

QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the entry procedures, please contact CUNA Council Administration at 1-800-356-9655, ext. 4018 or awards@cuna.coop.

If you have questions about criteria for the awards, please contact Jason Ford, Awards Chair and COO, Harvester Financial Credit Union, jason@harvesterfcu.org, or Bill Thomas, Awards Vice Chair and 1st VP Member Operations, United Nations Federal Credit Union, bthomas@unfcu.com.

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