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# WYCUP Scholarship Application 2021



**WYCUP** - [World Council's Young Credit Union Professionals](#) program offers an annual scholarship that connects emerging leaders to a world of financial cooperatives. The 2021 WYCUP Scholarship will be awarded to outstanding nominees who have made significant contributions to their credit union or the cooperative financial system and have the potential to make a global impact. Up to 5 scholarship recipients will travel to Glasgow, Scotland and attend the 2022 World Credit Union Conference – airfare, hotel and registration fees included. In addition, scholarship recipients will join the WYCUP Affiliates Council, sharing their insights and applying their talents as they engage with leadership from young professional networks around the world.

## Who should participate?

The scholarship is open to professionals within the credit union and cooperative financial services sector who recognize the potential for financial cooperatives to make the world a better place. Young professionals from credit unions, financial cooperatives, CUSO and our regional and national associations are welcome to apply. If you are passionate about your work within the sector and want to share your talents and experience with your global peers, this is the professional development opportunity for you.

## Why should your employer encourage your participation?

WYCUP is unique among professional networks, sharing global perspectives and empowering emerging leaders who are empathetic, innovative and better prepared to lead financial cooperatives to a brighter future. Our credit unions might work locally, but YPs connected through WYCUP are applying that local success to our shared global challenges. And in the process, we're changing the relationship between financial cooperatives and young people around the world. By investing in young leaders like you today, credit unions and financial cooperatives are ensuring our shared success and sustainability tomorrow.



## 2021 Nomination Criteria

Nominations due by Monday, May 31, 2021

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the WYCUP scholarship, individuals must:

- Be 40 years of age or younger on January 1, 2021.
- Demonstrate leadership, personal commitment and the potential to influence credit unions or financial cooperatives within or outside their country.
- Be an active employee and/or volunteer with a credit union or other financial cooperative.
- Be endorsed by a credit union, financial cooperative or other group affiliated with or part of a member organization of the World Council of Credit Unions.
- Not have been a previous WYCUP scholarship recipient or a current World Council employee.

### Nomination Checklist

An eligible nomination for the WYCUP scholarship includes the following:

- A nomination form completed by the nominee and their sponsor.
- Proof of age (e.g., copy of passport, driver's license, birth certificate or other official document).
- A video of the nominee responding to the questions noted on the Nomination Form.
- WYCUP scholarship nominations must be received by no later than 11:59 pm CDT on Monday, May 31, 2021. Nominations and any inquiries should be directed to: [wycup@woccu.org](mailto:wycup@woccu.org).

### Notes on the Video Requirement

- The video should be a maximum of 5 minutes in duration.
- The video will be evaluated based on the content of your message, not the quality of the production. Cell phone or other means of video collection are acceptable.
- Please ensure the video is recorded in landscape / horizontal format.
- Nominees must upload their videos to YouTube. The video should be titled: "Your Name - WYCUP 2021". The link to the video must be noted on the Nomination Form.
- Click [here](#) to watch past WYCUP scholarship recipient videos.
- All nomination materials become the property of World Council and may be used for promotional purposes in World Council educational, news or promotional material, whether in print, electronic or other media, including the World Council website.

### Selection Process

World Council will review all nominations based upon the criteria noted in the eligibility requirements and will announce up to five scholarship recipients on July 20 during the WYCUP Virtual Forum. The 2021 WYCUP scholarship includes the conference registration fee, travel costs, and hotel accommodations to attend the [2022 World Credit Union Conference](#) in Glasgow, Scotland.

### Scholarship Recipient Responsibilities

- Scholarship recipients will play an active role throughout the year following their award, sharing their experience and attending monthly meetings of the [WYCUP Affiliates Council](#).
- Scholarship recipients are **strongly encouraged** to document international engagement in social media and actively participate during WYCUP's virtual and/or in-person events.
- Scholarship recipients and their sponsoring organizations will sign a commitment letter recognizing these responsibilities. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the scholarship.



## Nomination Form - 2021 WYCUP Scholarship

Details on the Nominee	
The WYCUP Scholarship is open to:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees and volunteers of credit unions / financial cooperatives;</li> <li>• Employees and volunteers of regional/national associations of financial cooperatives;</li> <li>• Employees and volunteers of service organizations owned by financial cooperatives.</li> </ul>	
Name:	
Email:	Phone/Cell:
Age on 1/1/2021:	Country:
Job Title / Position:	

Details on the Nominee's Organization			
Upon awarding of the WYCUP Scholarship, recipients and their sponsoring organizations will be asked to sign a letter of commitment, recognizing the benefits and responsibilities anticipated during a year of international engagement with WYCUP. Please list contact information below for the appropriate representative from your organization.			
Name of the organization:			
Asset size (in U.S. dollars \$):			
Address:			
Organization Contact Name:			
Organization Contact Title:			
Organization Contact Email:			
Website:			
Please select the box below that indicates how the nominee was selected by this organization to participate in the WYCUP Scholarship:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local, regional or national competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nominee's Initiative
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor's Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Video Essay	
Please review the nomination criteria for details on submitting your video. All nominees must prepare a video where they share the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe your role at your credit union or cooperative financial organization. What makes you passionate about the work that you do?</li> <li>• Describe the contributions you have made to advancing your organization or community. How do these efforts support the future of the sector? Please provide specific examples that demonstrate your leadership and/or your commitment to community and the cooperative sector.</li> <li>• What do you hope to learn from your peers around the world? Why is international engagement important to you?</li> </ul>	
YouTube link to your video:	

Additional Considerations	
Please submit this application, together with any additional materials you wish to be considered to <a href="mailto:wycup@woccu.org">wycup@woccu.org</a> . The deadline for applications is Monday, May 31, 2021.	