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## Member Application for CRC Board of Directors

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the following information:

Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of your farming operation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Employment and business experience for the past 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Other Boards or Committees in the past 5 years: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Community Involvement/Government Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Education (including high school): \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is your vision for the future of agriculture? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you believe are the primary issues facing agriculture and Central Region Cooperative? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why I want to serve on the Board of Directors for Central Region Cooperative:

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Central Region Cooperative's Board of Directors, recognizing the responsibility of leadership, has adopted the following policy as a guideline for directors with the following characteristics considered:

- **Personal characteristics of honesty, loyalty, and stability**
- **Knowledge of cooperative principles and practices**
- **Ability to analyze, organize, and arrive at a decision**
- **Exhibit sound business management through successful management of personal business**
- **Courage to support the policies of the board**
- **Supportive of the cooperative, both in voice and patronage**
- **Strong desire to serve on the board**
- **Willingness to attend local, regional and state meetings, seminars, and training institutes**
- **Courage to resist pressures of special interest groups**

A CRC Board of Director must:

- Be a member of the cooperative in good credit standing
- Be an agricultural producer
- Conduct \$10,000 worth of business each year through buying of product or selling grain.

I understand the guidelines set above and wish to apply as a candidate for the CRC Board of Directors. I also acknowledge the above information to be used in a future CRC publication.

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Signature

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Date

Please send completed application to: Central Region Cooperative Nominating Committee, PO Box E, Fairfax, MN 55332

## **Central Region Cooperative (CRC) Director Qualifications**

1. Must be a member in good standing, and believe in and patronize the cooperative.
2. Possess an understanding of cooperative business principal/economics and financial matters.
3. Familiarity with financial materials and a willingness to learn about the operation.
4. Through words and actions and by virtue of temperament, demeanor and character, promote the best interests for CRC and its members.
5. Be recognized as a leader in their farm operation and community due to their strong record of accomplishment.
6. Be current in their profession and industry associations and involved in the larger business community.
7. Previous experience in serving on a board.
8. Place a high value on personal and corporate integrity and ethical behavior.
9. Have no (significant) competing business interests or conflicts of interest with CRC.
10. Be willing to take the time necessary to attend and participate in all board meetings.
11. Work well with others as a team, and support majority decisions.
12. Neither expect nor promote special favors for self, relatives or friends.
13. Maintain strict confidentiality on matters discussed in board meetings.
14. Understand and abide by the policies and bylaws of the cooperative.
15. An ability to support as well as challenge and hold management and fellow directors accountable.
16. Commitment to the sustainability and long term success of CRC.
17. Have an ability to think and act, strategically and decisively.
18. Have an ability to maintain a broad perspective and a long view.
19. A willingness to contribute and speak out in the course of board deliberations.
20. Be current with debts or other obligations owed to CRC.
21. Not be a current or prior employee of CRC within the past year
22. Successfully pass a background check if requested by CRC.
23. A commitment to comply with CRC board policies and duties.