

Call for William Bryan Hawkins and Pacesetter Award Nominations

PURPOSE: To reflect the energy and initiative demonstrated by the West Virginia credit union movement's first volunteer and founder, William Bryan Hawkins. The Pacesetter Award seeks to become a symbol of credit union excellence among paid staff persons within the West Virginia credit union system, without direct regard to staff title or credit union size.

OBJECTIVE: ***William Bryan Hawkins Award:*** Recognizes the outstanding service of one credit union volunteer who has selflessly given time, effort, and talent to the support and promotion of credit union ideals, and the betterment of credit unions in West Virginia. The ***Pacesetter Award*** recognizes excellent performance among paid employees of any League member credit union in West Virginia.

ELIGIBILITY: Any volunteer currently serving on the board or committee(s) of a League affiliated credit union (Employees of the WV Credit Union League or WV League Services Corp. are not eligible.) Individuals receiving this award are not eligible for renomination the following year only. A volunteer is defined as a person who serves as a credit union elected official and receives no monetary compensation, with the exception of the Treasurer who may be paid as a volunteer.

OBJECTIVE: ***PACESETTER AWARD:*** Any paid staff person in good standing of a WV Credit Union League member credit union may apply. Any member of the staff of the West Virginia Credit Union League and its affiliates, or any current member of the board of directors of the West Virginia Credit Union League who have served within the past twelve months are not eligible.

METHOD: Any director, committee member, or staff person of a League affiliated credit union (at the time of nomination) may nominate an individual including himself/herself. Self nominations by volunteers are permitted for the Hawkins award. Nominations may be made without regard to chapter boundaries. Nominations to **both** the Pacesetter and Hawkins Awards cannot be considered simultaneously. **Only one nomination to either award can be accepted by the judges.**

CRITERIA: The candidate should be a person of good reputation in his/her community, someone who understands and works to promote the credit union philosophy, someone who has contributed to the betterment of the credit union movement in West Virginia, and someone who has demonstrated loyalty to the organized credit union movement. This may be evidenced by the following:

- Service to the credit union movement over a long period of time.
- Member of one or more League-affiliated credit unions.
- Dedication to and belief in the importance and value of continuing education and training.
- Success in the development and expansion of services to members of his/her own credit union.
- Dedication to and belief in the credit union system as evidenced by involvement at the chapter and League levels and by participating in other activities to further the organized movement.
- A dedication and belief in the importance and value of continuing education and training.
- Unselfish devotion to the credit union system on a chapter and/or state level.

SELECTION: Individuals not directly affiliated with the League or its entities will be formed to review and will be responsible for promotion of award and plaque inscription. Annual presentation of the Hawkins and/or Pacesetter are **not compulsory**. Nominated applications must meet minimum criteria as outlined in the nomination form.

RECOGNITION: The winners will be recognized at the League Annual Meeting and will be given an award along with their name being added to a permanent plaque displayed at the League office.

Please make additional copies of this form if you intend to nominate more than one individual.

HAWKINS AND PACESETTER AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nomination Deadline: March 31, 2026

Please check one:

☐ William Bryan Hawkins for volunteers

☐ Pacesetter Award for paid staff

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Credit Union: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact person's phone number _____ email address _____

Nominee's Length of Service to the Credit Union Movement: _____

Nominated by: _____

CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIPS

CREDIT UNION	YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP
1. _____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____

PAST/PRESENT POSITIONS HELD IN CREDIT UNIONS

CREDIT UNION	YEARS OF SERVICE
2. _____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____

PAST/PRESENT POSITIONS HELD IN CHAPTER (Not including League Directorship)

POSITION	YEARS OF SERVICE
3. _____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____

PAST/PRESENT POSITIONS HELD IN LEAGUE

POSITION	YEARS OF SERVICE
4. _____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____

PAST/PRESENT POSITIONS HELD AT NATIONAL LEVEL (ACU,CUNA, CUNA MUTUAL, ETC.)

POSITION	YEARS OF SERVICE
5. _____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____

LIST ACTIVITIES THAT HELP FURTHER THE PROGRESS OF THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA (youth involvement, legislation, education, public relations, committee assignments, etc.). Please include years of service.

6. _____

CHECK CHAPTER/LEAGUE/ACU EVENTS/PROGRAMS YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DURING THE PAST YEAR:

7. ☐ Leadership Conference
☐ Managers' Roundtable
☐ Directors' Conference
☐ League Annual Meeting
☐ Special Interest Seminars/Workshops - Approximate number _____
☐ Volunteer Achievement Program (VAP) - Designation or working towards _____
☐ Staff Training And Recognition Program (STAR) - Designation or working towards _____
☐ Management Enrichment Training Program (MERIT) - Designation or working towards _____
☐ Certified Credit Union Executive (CCUE) - Designation or working towards _____
☐ Regulatory Training and Certification Program (REGTRAC)
☐ Chapter Meetings - Approximate number _____

Other League or CUNA meetings, please specify: _____

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR YOUR CREDIT UNION(S): (If you need more room, please attach extra sheet)

8. Describe the overall contributions that have been made. Include achievements in membership promotion and retention, governmental affairs, public relations, financial management, personnel management, research, etc. Describe new programs or innovative projects for which nominee may have been responsible. Mention any recognitions received from nominee's present or past credit union(s).

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION: (If you need more room, please attach extra sheet)

9. Please provide any additional information or comments on nominee background that would show qualifications for this award (community involvement, church activities, civic organization involvement):

**Please return completed form to
WV Credit Union League no later than March 31, 2026**

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