

**Procedure for 16 year olds becoming a member.**

**(to be ratified at next Members Meeting)**

**Recommended by Board July 10, 2019 meeting.**

16-year old membership process:

i. Children of the household may apply to become members after their 16th birthday by following the procedure below:

1. Complete a Membership Application and submit it to the Co-ordinator.

2. The Coordinator will schedule an interview between the applicant and the Membership Committee. If the applicant is under the age of 18 one member from their household aged 18 years or over must accompany the applicant to the interview.

3. After the interview the Membership Committee will either approve or refuse the application. The Membership Committee will inform the Co-ordinator of their decision within 1 business day of the interview. The

Co-ordinator will inform the applicant of the decision within 2 business days of the interview.

i. If the application is approved:

a. The applicant becomes a member of the co-op.

b. In lieu of a membership fee the applicant must complete 1 hour of volunteer time in the co-op within 12 months of the date of approval. The Co-ordinator will approve there volunteer time, once completed.

c. Members under the age of 18 (i.e. 16-17 years of age) are encouraged to attend members meetings and participate in co-op activities, however, only members aged 18 years or over are eligible to vote or to run for the Board of Directors.

ii. If the application is refused:

a. The applicant will follow the appeals policy in the Membership Selection Bylaw 10, Article 4.