



## The Mark Goldblatt Leadership Scholarship

In 2015, the co-op housing movement lost a visionary leader when Mark Goldblatt passed away at 62. In the early 1970's, and when he was only 22, Mark was a co-founder of the Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto. Mark understood the need to build a co-op network right across the country. He initiated resource groups to develop co-ops and regional federations to provide ongoing support.

Mark was a director of Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada (CHF Canada). He chaired the national resource group committee. He chaired the annual meeting. Mark went on to work for CHF Canada and became its executive director. He travelled the country representing co-op housing. He also co-founded the Canadian Workers' Foundation.

Mark later worked at the Canadian Co-operative Society. He branched into other areas including co-op ventures for health care, car sharing and helped start the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Co-operative Development Program. He also founded the Funeral Co-operative of Ottawa.

The **Mark Goldblatt Leadership Scholarship** is open to any Diversity Scholarship recipient in any area where the scholarship is currently offered:

- Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto
- Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia
- Golden Horseshoe Co-operative Housing Federation
- Central Ontario Co-operative Housing Federation
- Peel-Halton Co-operative Housing Federation
- Co-operative Housing Association of Eastern Ontario

In Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Southwestern Ontario the Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada administers the scholarship.

This scholarship will provide an additional \$500 per year to scholarship recipients.

## Eligibility

To apply, students must be:

- enrolled as a full time student in their second year and beyond;
- a diversity scholarship winner;
- a current director of a housing co-op or a sector organization at the local, regional or national level.

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the co-op you live in and what municipality it's located in:

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Please list your co-op or sector organization board experience (please include dates):

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*Please write a 250 word essay on why you think you should be selected for this leadership scholarship. If your application is chosen you will be asked to have an interview by phone.*

Please scan and send your completed application form and essay to: [info@coophousing.com](mailto:info@coophousing.com)

**Application Deadline: May 6, 2022**



Serving co-ops in Durham, Toronto and York Region.

"I am honoured to have been a recipient of the Mark Goldblatt scholarship and what that entails. Mark's dedication towards building and sustaining co-ops helped my community, Atkinson Housing Co-op, be the first conversion of public housing to a non-profit housing co-operative. To be able to work towards sustaining such co-ops, you need to have a vision and you need to be able to believe in the people you work with."

**Labib Chowdhury**

**Atkinson Housing Co-operative  
Mark Goldblatt Leadership Scholarship  
recipient 2018**

"I have received the CHFT Diversity Scholarship and the Mark Goldblatt Leadership Scholarship due to my involvement in my community. Being involved in my community helped me realize that it is essential to help those in need which is why I decided to join the Board in my Co-op. As a Board member, I learned the responsibility that lies in leadership, which influenced me to join the CHFT Board."

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**Metta Housing Co-operative Board member  
CHFT Board member  
Mark Goldblatt Leadership Scholarship  
recipient 2017**

**[Click here](#) to watch a tribute to Mark Goldblatt performed by Atkinson Housing Co-operative member, Domanique Grant.**

