BUILDING A STORY. TOGETHER.

Sollio Next Generation Award

2023-2024 Edition

Submission Form Preview
member customer profile,
New Farm Enterprise category

Sollio
Cooperative Group

Conditions

In order to be eligible for the Sollio Next Generation Award the applicant must:
- Be a member and client of a cooperative in the Sollio Cooperative Group;
- Be less than 40 years old in the year of participation;
- Be establish for less than 10 years.

Process Overview

Step 1: Online submission form

- Applicants must thoroughly complete the online submission form.
- Information provided will be reviewed and used for evaluating purposes for the judging panel.
  - It is recommended that the application be proofread by someone from the cooperative supporting the nomination.
  - All information will be taken into account in the jury's evaluation. It is important to complete each section in as much detail as possible.
- The farm succession members must be recommended by a cooperative from Sollio's network and provide a signed letter of recommendation from the cooperative's President. The letter must include the reasons why the farm should win the contest, and the quality of the responses provided will be taken into account by the judging panel.The judging panel will review the written documents sub mitted by the candidates. Note that the members of the judging panel will sign a confidentiality agreement before reviewing candidates' files.
- **The application process must be completed by May 1st, 2023.**

Step 2: Semi-Finalists

- After confidentially reviewing all online submission form entries, the panel of judges will select semi-finalists.
- The semi-finalists will be contacted to coordinate a time to have the judging panel visit their farm for an in-person interview and tour.

Step 3: Finalists and Winners

- Once the judging panel visit all semi-finalist farms, applicants will be contacted and informed if they are a finalist or not.
- Finalists will be visited by a reporter and a videographer for the production of a short video.
- Finalists will be featured in the Coopérateur magazine, published by Sollio Cooperative Group.
- Winners will be featured in an advertorial published in a regional leading agricultural magazine.
- Finalists will be invited to attend the awards ceremony at the Annual general meeting of Sollio Cooperative Group, where the winners will be formally announced.

Submission form
Applicants must thoroughly complete the online submission form.

Applicant's contact information
- Applicant name
- Applicant email
- Applicant phone number

Current information about the farm
- Name of your farm
- Address of the farm
- Date the enterprise was started
- City
- Postal code
- Name of the cooperative agri-advisor person who supports you in preparing your contest application
- Agri-advisor email address

- Type of production
- Activity of the farm (%)
- Volume (please specify unit)
- Crop area (please specify unit)
- Please specify: are you owner or renter
+ Add more types of production if applicable

Identification of the new farm enterprise team members
Please provide information for each team member.
- Name
- Age
- Address
- City
- Postal code
- Telephone
- Cellular
- Email
- Actual roles and responsibilities
- Academic Training
- Program
- School
- Graduation date
- Involvement outside the farm (social, community, business)
- Year and % share
- Year and % share
- Etc.
+ Add more previous generations
+ Add more young farmers

Candidate's File

We recommend you be as detailed and precise as possible as it will influence the judging panel's decision. Please include all pertinent details.

Section 1 – Technical and economic analysis

This information will be used to complete a brief technical and economic analysis of your farm. To obtain some of these documents you will have to ask your agri-advisor. Please attach to your file the following information relative to your types of agricultural production.

Please attach to your file the following information relative to your types of agricultural production (crop, dairy, horticultural, maple, pork, poultry, beef, and/or other, if applicable). Maximum one file for each type of production, 256 MB limit, allowed types: pdf, xls, xlsx, csv, jpg, jpeg, doc, docx, or zip.

Crop Production
Specify each element of each type of crop.

- AgConnexion synthesis report (Smart Farm module) - File 1 of 2 AgConnexion synthesis report (Smart Farm module) - File 2 of 2
- Indicator 1 (short answer)
- Indicator 2 (short answer)
+ Add more crops

Dairy production
- Lactascan synthesis table

Horticultural Production
If needed, find reference information on:
- Type of production (short answer)
- Indicator 1 (short answer)
- Indicator 2 (short answer)
+ Add more horticultural

Maple Production
- Number of taps (short answer)
- Quantity produced (short answer)

Pork Production
Farrowing
- Overall technical results report for the last 12 months (file)
- Production data (file)

Weaners and Finishers
- Winpork synthesis report for the last 12 months (file)
- Production data (file)

Poultry Production
Broilers
- Aviscan or Excel spreadsheet report for the last 12 months (file)
- Summary report for batches (file)

Layers
- Aviscan or Excel spreadsheet report for the last 12 months (file)
- Synthesis report (file)
- Eggs laid per bird from entry to 72 weeks (short answer)
- Feed conversion per dozen eggs (short answer)

Beef Production

Cow-calf
- Average daily gain (ADG) birth/weaning (short answer)
- Weaning% (number of calves weaned/cows kept) (short answer)
- Kilograms calved sold per WPOU (1 WPU = 2500 hours worked) (short answer)

Finishing
- Average daily gain (ADG) (short answer)
- Kilograms beef produced per year, per WPU (short answer)
- Other production (short answer)

Feed Processing
- Type of feed processing (short answer)
- Market (short answer)
- Outlets (short answer)
+ Add more feed processing

Other documents
Choose file – one file only 256 MB limit
Allowed types: pdf, xls, xlsx, csv, jpg, jpeg, doc, docx, zip

Section 2 – Steps taken toward the new farm enterprise

In a few lines, describe the main steps that you took for the beginning of your new farm enterprise.
Please include some dates.

1. First conversations, deciding on the main elements
2. Actions undertaken, official procedures

Section 3 – Financial and Personal Actions

In a few lines, describe some of the main financial and personal actions undertaken to ensure the longevity of the farm.

1. Did you have mentors? Who were they and how did they help?
2. What was the budget planning and redemption steps?
3. Were there investments involved?
4. What are your projects for the future and their financial aspects?

Section 4 – Third parties involved

Which professionals participated in the start-up of your farm?
(Select all that apply)
- CREA advisor
- Cooperative agri advisor
- Agri-environment expert-consultant
- Notary
- Accountant
- Financial advisor
- Advisor from MAPAQ or La Financière agricole du Québec
- Local Development Center
- Lactanet
- Extension Club advisor
- Advisor from the Union des producteurs agricoles (UPA)
- None
- Other, please specify

2. Are you members of a CUMA or do you share machinery in any other way?
    *   Yes
    *   No
        If yes, detail and enumerate the machinery and equipment used.

3. Do you use custom work?
    *   Yes
    *   No
        If yes, please provide details.

Section 5 – Communication

How do you ensure that information flows well within the team (formal or informal meetings, board of directors, corporate vision, decision making etc.)?

Section 6 – Environmental implications

1. What are your agri-environmental practices for the last two years?
(Select all that apply)
*   Pallet recovery
*   Recovery of farm plastics
*   Recovery of used oil
*   Recovery of herbicide containers
*   Recovery of seed bags
*   Recovery of bags of mouldings
*   Installation of a silo to reduce the number of bags of minerals/milling
*   Installation of windbreaks
*   Riparian buffers and/or landscaped riparian buffers
*   PAEF/Phosphorus balance
*   Pesticide logbook
*   Other
    Please insert photos that support the above.
    Unlimited number of files can be uploaded to this field. 256 MB limit.
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2. What are your environmental measures for the last two years?
*   Cover crop
*   Green manure
*   Direct seeding
*   Minimum tillage
*   Crop rotation
*   Liming/Residual fertilizer materials
*   Variable rate application of lime and fertilizer
*   Sprayer calibration
*   Other
    Please insert photos that support the above.
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3. What are your sustainable agriculture projects?

Section 7 – Contest Application

1. Explain how your new farm enterprise is a model for financial and why should you be chosen as a finalist for Sollio Next Generation Award?
2. What does cooperation or your connection with your local cooperative bring to your business?
3. Who urged you to participate in the contest and how did you hear about it?
4. Who completed this questionnaire and did you need support to get there?
5. Do you have any comments to add that could help us improve this form?

Other Documentation

Please provide your letter of recommendation signed by your co-op's board of directors president.
One file only. 256 MB limit. Allowed types: pdf, xls, xlsx, csv, jpg, jpeg, doc, docx, zip.

Please provide any documents or other information that the jury may consider for your application (example: pictures).
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Section 8 - Agreement by the applicant

I acknowledge that all persons named in this submission form accept to participate in the contest and agree with all elements mentioned and documents sent as part of this candidacy.

Name _____

Date _____