

### What is the shareholder assistance program?

The Brattleboro Food Coop will award up to 10 Shares a year to local residents who are committed to supporting our coop but might not otherwise be able to afford this opportunity. Being a coop shareholder allows individuals to receive discounts on all purchases, and allows individuals to vote at all coop elections. Each share is valued at \$80.00, and shares awarded through this program are non refundable.

### Who is Eligible?

We encourage any community member who has a strong desire to be a shareholder of the Brattleboro Food Coop and who can also demonstrate a substantial need for assistance, to apply. We are most interested in persons who realize that being a coop shareholder is more than just receiving discounts on food. If you would like to learn more about the benefits and responsibilities of being a coop shareholder, please speak with our friendly staff at shareholder services or call them at 257-0236 X121

### How to apply?

Anyone interested in receiving a donated share must complete the official application found on the next page. Return your completed application to customer service. A Coop Committee will review applications. Shares will be given out on a quarterly basis.

Once approved, applicants will be notified by phone and will be asked to pick up shareholder information at our shareholder services desk.

### How Can Coop Shareholders Help?

Current Coop Shareholders, who for some reason are considering withdrawing their share, have the option of donating it to this program. Also, shares of deceased loved one's can be transferred to this fund. For more information about how you can help support this program contact Shareholder Services at 257-0236 X121.

## Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did you learn about this program from a  
Brattleboro Coop Member?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

On a separate piece of paper please write one or two paragraphs stating why you should receive a shareholder scholarship. Please address these issues in your explanation:

1. Discuss your financial need and whether you see this situation being temporary or permanent.
2. Include the number of people in your family who will be affected by this service.
3. Describe your current commitment to the Brattleboro Food Coop.
4. Describe your basic understanding of a Cooperative.

*Return your completed application to Customer Service.*