



Director Gold

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the Director Gold Certificate?

This certificate recognizes directors who have earned their CCD and BLC certificates and are committed to continuing their education throughout their service on the board. Director Gold is an *addition* to NRECA's Director Education Program – it does not replace or change any of the existing Director Education certificates earned by directors, including the Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD) or Board Leadership Certificate (BLC). Directors now merely have another option for education beyond the CCD and BLC to work toward and add to their list of professional accomplishments.

Who is Director Gold for?

The Director Gold certificate is geared towards directors who are committed to advancing their knowledge throughout their tenure on the board.

Why was the Director Gold Certificate created?

The program was created to recognize electric cooperative directors committed to continuing education.

Am I eligible for the Director Gold Certificate?

Directors interested in enrolling in or finding out if they are eligible for the Director Gold program can check their attendance record to see if they have already met the program requirements. There are three ways to check your attendance records:

- Visit Cooperative.com -> Member Center -> My Records
- Check with your co-op's executive or administrative assistant
- Contact Angie Hylton, NRECA's Senior Certification Support Specialist at angie.hylton@nreca.coop or 703-907-5656

How can I earn the Director Gold Certificate?

Directors must earn their CCD and BLC plus earn an additional 3 credits from the BLC series of courses to be eligible for the Director Gold Certificate. **Once eligible, directors must “opt in” to the program indicating their interest in earning the Director Gold certificate** before a certificate will be issued.

Three ways to “opt in” to Director Gold or to check your eligibility

1. Go to www.cooperative.com/DirectorGold
2. Fax the form below to (703) 907-5521
3. Mail the form below to: NRECA / Attn: Angie Hylton
Mail Stop ET9-201 4301 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22203

Director Gold Program Submission Form

Director GOLD Program

First Name

Last Name

Cooperative Name

State

Email *

Phone Number - -
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Check All That Apply

Yes, I have completed my Credentialed Cooperative Director (CCD)

Yes, I have completed my Board Leadership Certificate (BLC)

Yes, I have completed 3 credits after earning my Board Leadership Certificate (BLC)

What are the benefits of earning the Director Gold Certificate?

The Director Gold Certificate is the hallmark of a committed electric cooperative director. It helps drive professional self-confidence, demonstrates commitment to members, regulators and elected officials of the director’s commitment to continuing education.

How do I maintain my Director Gold certificate once I’ve earned it?

To maintain Director Gold Status, directors must earn three credits from the NRECA [Approved List of Continuing Education Programs](#) within a two-year (24 months) period. The list of programs eligible for credit may be amended from time to time at NRECA’s discretion.

NRECA Approved List of Continuing Education Programs:

- Any NRECA Board Leadership Certificate Course
- NRECA Directors Conference (1 credit)
- CFC Forum (1 credit)
- CoBank Energy Directors Conference (1 credit)
- Mid America Cooperative Council (MACC) Board Chair Roundtable (1 credit)

Of the three credits required to fulfill the continuing education requirement, a minimum of two credits must be earned from the NRECA [BLC series of courses](#). A maximum of one credit may be earned by attending one of the other conferences or programs listed above. Directors may also choose to earn all three continuing education credits from the BLC courses.

How will Director Gold Certificate holders be recognized?

1. Upon completion of the credits required to earn the Director Gold status, a director will be mailed a certificate by NRECA stating that he/she has fulfilled the Director Gold requirements.
NOTE: The 24-month period over which a director must earn three credits begins on the first day of the upcoming year. For example, a director who completes the last credit for their Director Gold certificate on March 1, 2016 is recognized immediately but the 24 month cycle begins on January 1, 2017.
2. Directors earning Director Gold status will be issued a Director Gold ribbon upon their registration at all NRECA-sponsored events during their “active” status in the Director Gold program (e.g., Annual Meeting, Regional Meetings, Directors Conference, Legislative Conference, Summer & Winter Schools)

What happens if I if I don’t complete my continuing education requirement within the two-year period?

Director Gold directors who do not meet the Director Gold renewal requirements within a 24-month period will become *Inactive*. While a director’s status is inactive, Director Gold recognition will not be made by NRECA:

1. No updated certificate will be mailed to the director.
2. No ribbon stating Director Gold will be issued to the director at NRECA-sponsored events.

Reactivation of a lapsed Director Gold Certificate

The Director Gold certificate may be reactivated at any time during the *Inactive* period as long as the renewal requirements are met. Reactivation will be approved when the

director has fulfilled the renewal requirements for the lapsed renewal period. Upon reactivation of the certificate, a new 24-month time period is set for the next renewal.

If you have any questions about the Director Gold Program or other Director Education programs, please don't hesitate to contact –

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