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Membership Application

Why Should You Join?

The Austin Area Chamber of Commerce is a business organization, founded and governed by business people; people just like you. We work to promote, protect and advance business interests within the Austin area.

The Chamber serves as a *Voice for Business* in government affairs, advocating for policies that enhance our business climate and against those that would have a detrimental effect.

We promote our community and our business members through extensive marketing efforts, including major media, printed publications and the Internet. We serve as a *Community Receptionist*, a single point of contact for information about our community and our business members.

We organize events — *Freedom Fest and Christmas in the City* — that draw thousands of people to our community and enhance our quality of life.

We provide networking opportunities to grow your business, and educational programs to help develop your workforce and raise their visibility in the community.

Membership Benefits

The Austin Area Chamber of Commerce provides direct and measurable benefits to your business.

- Business listing in the Chamber Membership Directory
- Business listing on the Chamber Web Site
- Web site job posting and “Hot Deals” opportunities
- Direct links to your business and email address
- On-going Business Referrals
- Business listing in “Welcome to Austin” folders
- Monthly networking opportunities for you and your employees at Business After Hours
- Free “Media Pak” to new members (\$1500 value)
- Insurance discounts (12% from Auto Owners)
- Discounts on educational programs
- Recognition of company milestones in newsletter
- Access to a network of business opportunities

Member Name: _____

(As it shall appear in membership directory and Chamber records)

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone 1: _____

Phone 2: _____

Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Web-Site: _____

Primary Contact Person: _____

Type of Business/Industry: _____

⇒ *Membership investment in the Chamber of Commerce is not a charitable tax deduction, but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense.*

⇒ *We're so confident that membership in the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce will benefit you that we offer the following guarantee: If you attend at least two Chamber functions during the first 90 days of your membership and are not completely satisfied, we will refund your membership dues. We Guarantee it!*

Thank you for your investment in the Austin Area Chamber of Commerce!

The Chamber will continue to develop and maintain high quality services that are designed to meet and exceed the expectations of our members. We will work to build relationships between all members of the business community and promote active participation in all events and activities. Much of what is accomplished by the Chamber is through the involvement of its members. **If you or one of your employees would like to join one or more of these committees, please check the appropriate space (s) below.**

Agri-Business—sponsor Ag Appreciation Cookout, 4-H Ribbon Auction, Day on the Farm, and Dairy and Pork Princess Sponsorships.

Ambassadors—attend all ribbon cuttings and groundbreakings, co-host monthly Business After Hours meetings, and provide support for other Chamber events.

Community Receptionist—work to promote Austin as a great place to live, work and shop by providing high quality community profiles and resource materials. Specific activities include development of Austin “Someplace Special” magazine and Welcome to Austin relocation folder.

Government Affairs—meet monthly to identify and discuss issues that affect the business climate in Austin. Working to provide Chamber business members with an effective voice on local and legislative issues, and to formulate plans of action to effect positive change.

Business Education—work to raise the visibility of business within our schools and community by providing scholarships to outstanding students in the 8th and 12th grades. The committee also helps organize the 8th grade Career Fair.

Christmas in the City—organize activities that draw families to Austin during the Holiday shopping season: including Christmas in the City Kick-Off, Christmas in the Northwest and Sterling Christmas.

Freedom Fest—organize annual community celebration, scheduled in conjunction with the 4th of July. Freedom Fest draws thousands to our community for family entertainment, parade and fireworks.

Grow Minnesota!—A statewide private sector business retention and expansion program led by the Minnesota Chamber in partnership with 35 local chambers. Great opportunity to meet major employers in our area.

Human Resources—A resource group for HR professionals and employers who want to keep abreast of current trends and regulations within the industry.

Ladies Night Out—A social fundraiser for women in business with a portion of proceeds dedicated to a scholarship at Riverland for non-traditional female students.

Leadership Austin—plan and coordinate curriculum for annual leadership training program.

*Call the Chamber Office for more information;
507-437-4561 or 888-319-5655*

Membership Investment Schedule

1. **General Business** **\$280 plus:**
Calculate number of employees and apply the following:
1-10 11-50 50+
\$15 each \$10 each \$5 each

(2 part-time employees equal 1 full-time employee)

 + =
Full-Time Part-Time Total Employees

2. **Professional** **\$280 plus:**
Doctor, Dentist, Attorney \$75 each Associate
Chiropractor, Architect \$30 each Support Staff
Accountant, Insurance
Agent, Brokerage, etc.

3. **Non-Profits** **\$145 Flat Rate—501C(3)**
Civic Organizations **\$280 Flat Rate—All Others**

4. **Non-Local Businesses** **\$320 Flat Rate**
Must be 10 miles or more outside City Limits

5. **Financial** **\$510 Minimum**
Banks, Savings & Loans,
Credit Unions

6. **Multiple Entities** **\$280 Flat Rate, per additional business**
Owners of more than one business. List additional businesses separately.

TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$ _____

Method of Payment

_____ **Annually**
(please select one)
_____ **Bi-Annually**

Send Invoice: _____ **Check Enclosed:** _____

VISA/MASTERCARD:

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

_____ Directory _____ Herald
_____ Decal _____ Post Bulletin
_____ Quick Start Program _____ KAUS Radio
_____ Chamber Bucks Program _____ Power 96
_____ C.O. Brown Offer _____ KATE Radio
_____ Outlook _____ Website Ad