



Chamber Information & Application Form

Why Join the Chamber?

All businesses—whether small or large, home-based or headquartered, from one employee to thousands—can benefit from Chamber membership! The Chamber is designed to optimize networking, information-sharing and smart opportunities and benefits for businesses of all sizes in Sandusky County. Here are some ways we can help you save money, promote your business or organization, and provide information to help you!

Two Levels of Membership

- ~ **Standard Business/Educational** - Any business operating or providing services in Sandusky County. You are eligible for all member benefits of the Chamber. The dues structure is based on the number of employees. Educational institutions pay the base rate vs. on employee numbers.
- ~ **Associate Member** - Designed for the home-based businessperson and retirees. Members must operate a business from their home with no retail frontage and no employees. Limited benefits. The dues structure is a flat reduced fee.

Group Rates on Insurance

- ~ Health & Life Insurance
- ~ Workers' Compensation Insurance - save through group ratings
- ~ Discounts on auto, home and commercial insurance for members and their employees

Advertising & Marketing Opportunities

- ~ A listing in our online Member Directory
- ~ Link to your business from our online directory, or we can host your web site
- ~ Business referrals by Chamber staff
- ~ Opportunities to sponsor Chamber events
- ~ Discounts on web site development
- ~ Print & Radio advertising discount packages
- ~ Web Page ads & Newsletter inserts
- ~ Display your business in our front window
- ~ Access to the Chamber's member database
- ~ Display in our tent at the Sandusky Co. Fair

Information & Services to Help Improve Your Business

- ~ Statistical & census information about Sandusky County
- ~ Free copy of Sandusky County Industrial/Commercial Directory (\$15 value)
- ~ Seminars to help improve your business skills
- ~ 10% discount on classes offered through The Kern Center at Terra Community College
- ~ "Chamber Update" monthly newsletter
- ~ Candidate Forums/Candidate information booklet prior to elections
- ~ Legislative Information on new laws that affect business
- ~ Free subscription to the North Coast Business Journal
- ~ Free use of Chamber conference room

Networking Opportunities – Meet New Friends & Clients

- ~ "Business After Hours" gatherings
- ~ Chamber Members' Annual Awards Dinner
- ~ "Coffee & Contacts" Networking Sessions
- ~ Holiday Reception for Members
- ~ Chamber Ambassadors
- ~ Annual Golf Outing
- ~ Town & Country Banquet
- ~ Christmas Tree & Wreath Auction
- ~ Students In Business Program (SIB)
- ~ Business Celebration & Hat Box Auction

Recognition & Awards

- ~ Agricultural Service Award
- ~ Clark Ambassador Award
- ~ Citizen of the Year Award
- ~ Distinguished Service Award
- ~ Farmer of the Year Award

How Can I Get Involved After I Join?

- **Become a Chamber Ambassador** - The Ambassadors help out at Chamber functions and take part in member business events like grand openings, ground breakings and the Sandusky County Fair and the golf outing.
- **Join a Chamber Committee** - Being on a committee will allow you to have input in many different areas that affect business & life in Sandusky County. Here are just a few of the committees we have:
 - ~ Legislative Committee - This committee keeps abreast of new and proposed legislation and issues that can affect the business community. They also organize a Candidate Forum during major elections.
 - ~ Agriculture Committee - This committee sponsors the annual Town & Country Banquet, the Ag Week Breakfast, the Chamber's tent at the Sandusky County Fair and an annual VIP Air Tour. This committee meets in February, April, June, October & December at the Chamber office.
 - ~ Employment/Education Committee - This group is made up of business people and educators from throughout the county. They work to make sure our schools provide students with the skills they will need when they enter the local workforce. Activities include the Students In Business Program, where 11th graders job shadow at Chamber member businesses, and REACH, a program to teach 5th graders about the world of work.
 - ~ Sandusky County Safety Council - Promotes safety awareness in the business/industrial community; monthly luncheon meetings include a guest speaker. Our Safety Council has received honorable mention from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for meeting the criteria for effective safety councils.
- **Host a Business After Hours** - BAH's are usually held on a Thursday evening and give the hosting business a chance to show their fellow Chamber members what they have to offer.
- **Attend or Help Plan Chamber-Sponsored Events** - We have many events to provide you with networking opportunities. They include monthly BAH's, our Annual Awards Dinner, Golf Outing, Hat Box Auction, Town & Country Banquet, and Christmas Tree & Wreath Auction.
- **Run for a Seat on the Chamber Board of Trustees** - We take nominations every October for members who would like to be on our board

To learn more about the Chamber visit our web site at: www.scchamber.org

If you would like to get involved or have questions, contact us at 419-332-1591 or communications@scchamber.org

Keep this page for reference -- detach along fold and send in your application! ➤



Membership Application

Return Completed Copy to:
101 S. Front Street
Fremont, OH 43420
419-332-1591
419-332-8666 (Fax)

Date _____

Did Someone Refer You to the Chamber? If so, who? _____

Name of Business _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone () _____ Fax () _____

Web sites _____ E-mail _____

Is it okay for us to publicize this information? (circle one) Yes No

Mailing Address (if different) or P.O. Box Number

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please indicate which division best represents your business: (Please only circle one)

Agriculture

Industrial/Commercial

Retail/Wholesale

Service

Please write below 3 categories that best describe the products or services you provide, under which we may list your business in our Buyers' Guide/Membership Directory (Similar to Yellow Pages categories)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Contact Information

Owner/CEO Mr. Ms. _____

Who should we list as the main contact person in our Chamber database, membership directory & website? This is the person who will receive all general mailings and the Chamber's monthly newsletter.

Mr. Ms. _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Who should we send bills to? Mr. Ms. _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Please circle how you would like to receive our monthly newsletter: Regular Mail E-mail

If there are others who would like to receive our newsletter, please list their names and e-mail addresses:

CompManagement

Do you pay more than \$100 annually to BWC or do you anticipate paying more than \$100 in the near future? Yes No

If yes, would you like to save up to 90% amount on your workers' comp coverage? Yes No

If you answered "yes" to both questions, please provide the following information and a representative from CompManagement will contact you.

Contact Name: _____ Phone Number: () _____

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Calculating Your Annual Membership Investment

Standard Business / Educational Membership

Your Number of Full-Time Equivalent Employees

Your membership dues are based on the number of employees at your business, both full-time and part-time.

~ If your business has more than one location, count only those employees who work in Sandusky County.

~ Do not include seasonal employees.

A. How many full-time employees do you have?

B. How many part-time employees do you have? _____

~ Part-time is considered anything less than 40 hours per week. Do not count seasonal employees.

To convert your number of part-time employees to their full-time equivalent, take the total in line B and divide by two, then round up any fraction to the next higher number.

C. Number of part-time divided by 2 (round up if fraction):

D. Add together the totals from line A and line C

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Use the number in line "D" above to make the following calculations:

1. Minimum cost for 1 to 3 employees (including yourself) is: 3 (First three employees) ----- **\$215.22**

2. The cost for your next 47 employees is \$10.02 each. _____ (Number of employees) x \$10.02 = _____

3. The cost for your next 50 employees is \$7.16 each. _____ (Number of employees) x \$7.16 = _____

4. The cost for each full-time employee over 100 is \$3.58 each. _____ (Number of employees) x \$3.58 = _____

Total Employees (should equal line D above)

Total of lines 1 through 4 = _____

One-time Application Fee: + 25.00

Total (Due With Application): _____

Associate Membership

Home-based businessperson and retirees. No employees or retail frontage. Limited benefits. ----- **\$75.00**

Electronic Membership Listing (optional): + 10.00

Total (Due With Application): _____

To pay by credit card, please fill in the following information: Master Card Visa American Express Discover

Card # _____ Expiration Date: _____ V-Code Number _____

Cardholder's Name (please print) _____ Cardholder's Signature _____

I hereby give the Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County permission to send facsimile transmission to my company at this fax number () _____

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____