

Membership Application



Date: _____

109 East Main Street • P.O. Box 402 • Gardner, Kansas 66030

Company Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Primary Representative Name: _____

Second Representative Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Mobile: _____ E-Mail: _____

Website: _____

Type of Business: _____

Products/Services: _____

Number of Years in Business: _____ Number of Employees: _____

MEMBERSHIP

Full Membership: Any sole proprietor, partnership, association or corporation, of good ethical reputation shall be eligible for membership in this organization and shall be accepted into membership upon written application and payment of the Membership Investment. Only Full Membership offers voting privileges, and members of the Board of Directors may be selected only from the Full Membership category.

2008 MEMBERSHIP DUES SCHEDULE

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Membership Investment</u>
0 – 5	\$240.00
6 – 20	\$295.00
21 – 50	\$480.00
51 – 200	\$800.00
201 or more	\$1440.00
Banks	\$320.00
(+\$5.00 per \$1M in deposits)	
Utilities	\$695.00
Non-profit organizations and individuals	\$145.00
++ One time application fee	\$15.00

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MEMBERSHIP (cont...)

Non-profit Organizations and Individuals: This membership is available to churches or individuals with no active business affiliation, government officials, charitable and civic organizations. A business membership listing requires full dues membership. The associate member shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the Gardner Area Chamber of Commerce without a right to vote or to hold office.

Chamber Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Donation: _____

Contributions to this fund enable the Chamber to award a scholarship to an area senior pursuing a degree in business. If you would like to make a donation, please indicate the amount above and include it with your payment.

Total Amount Due: * \$ _____

Applicant Signature: _____

(Note: This membership application must be signed by an authorized person with the member company. The company is the member of the Chamber. Participants are the representatives. Anyone employed by the member is eligible to participate with your permission. We encourage you and your employees to participate in Chamber Events to further benefit from Chamber Membership.)

Membership renewal is on an anniversary month basis. Investments are payable upon the anniversary joining date. The Chamber accepts cash, checks, money orders, MasterCard, and Visa payments.



Card Number _____ Exp. Date ____/____

Zip Code Card Statement is mailed to: _____

Membership Benefits



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Newcomer Packets: a service only open to Chamber members. We take your promotional items and stuff them in packets to give to residents as they turn their utilities on at City Hall. This is a very inexpensive way to get the most for your advertising dollars!

Website Listing: The Chamber automatically lists ONLY our members on our website. We provide an active link to your site, and hope you provide one back to us. We also list you, whether you have a website or not. You are listed by your category (convenience store, etc.) or people may search for your business by name. Members have flexibility with their listing to add photos, company logos, company details, hours of operation, etc. Make sure we have your up-to-date information so our website is always accurate! www.gardnerchamber.com

Networking Events: We have semi-monthly coffees, quarterly meetings, and monthly after hours. All of these events are an excellent way for you to connect with your colleagues, in a relaxed environment.

Affinity Programs: Through the Chamber, you can be connected with Blue Cross Blue Shield of KC for "Chamberchoice", an insurance plan for small businesses. You can also gain significant discounts through an Affinity program with Embarq for all of your telecommunications needs and Heartland Payment Systems for Merchant Card and Payroll Processing.

Business-to-Business Discounts: Some of our local Chamber businesses like to offer YOU – our fellow members, discounts for their services! Watch your mail for special deals from fellow members!

Business Referrals: Part of the benefit of being a members, you receive automatic referrals! Individuals needing a plumber, lawn care, real estate agent – they call the chamber FIRST! We happily refer our members.

Assistance with Grand Openings / Ribbon Cuttings / Ground Breakings: Want to hold an event? Let the Chamber know, and we can help promote, and plan your event!

Quarterly Meetings: We hold a meeting in the Spring and Fall, and in June we combine our meeting with the membership of the Southwest Johnson County EDC for our Business Appreciation Luncheon. Additionally, we hold an annual meeting, every February.

Information Resources – Maps, Area Information, etc: We handle information requests, or put them into the hands of someone who can!

Scholarships to area students: The Chamber awards a \$750 business scholarship, every year, and interviews recipients for the Olathe Ford Scholarship. Additionally, the Chamber administers the Dr. A.S. Reece Scholarship. In 2007, \$1,200 was awarded to students pursuing a medical related degree.

All members of the Chamber are urged to get involved to get the most out of their membership. Several special events are held each year, and we encourage members to participate by becoming an event sponsor, donating in-kind items, or serving as volunteers.

Why You Need the Chamber- And Why the Chamber Needs You



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One voice raised in defense of a right, or one person or business taking on a project is often weak and ineffectual. However, when many voices are raised together, and many people work together in community affairs, great things are often achieved.

When you, as an individual or business, express your opinions and make your contributions physically and financially, in a cooperative effort with other business people, you have real "clout" and things get done. The Gardner Area Chamber of Commerce offers the vehicle for this community "clout"- to encourage orderly growth and economic development, to work with state and national legislators on major issues affecting the local cities and counties, as well as promote the free enterprise system.

So you, as a business owner or manager, working in and with the Chamber, make your contributions to the community effort. In turn, the upgrading of the community, the increase in business, new roads, the reduction of crime, new subdivisions, better schools and libraries (all these things the Chamber works for) have a beneficial effect on you, your family, and your business. You don't serve and support the Chamber, you contribute and work for YOURSELF.

Of course, it takes money to operate the Chamber and its various activities, but the Chamber is working for YOU. If you make your investment, add your time and concentrate your effort, you're going to have "clout" to work for those things that benefit you and your business.

Let's all work together; For working together works... FOR YOU.

2008 Coffee Schedule



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2008 Morning Coffee Schedule

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 8:30 a.m.

Always confirm event time and locations with *Friday Notes* and/or the Chamber Website Calendar of Events at www.gardnerchamber.com.

2008 After Hours Schedule



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2008 After Hours Schedule

2nd Thursday of each month

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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