



Just like the name says: a Co-operative is made up of **people working together** with each other to **achieve a common goal**. Kitsap Community Food Co-op exists to provide fresh, delicious, **local food in Kitsap County**.

Once upon a time a few folks in Kitsap County **got together and cooked a meal**. Polite questions about ingredients soon turned to honest talk about **food, farms, and grocery stores**. Our Kitsap Community Food Co-op (KCFC) is a shared vision for a grocery store that is **owned and operated by people in Kitsap County, and sells healthy food grown by local farmers**.

**Invest in a better future for yourself, your family and your community.**



### **7 Co-op Principles**

- Voluntary and Open Membership
- Democratic Member Control
- Members' Economic Participation
- Autonomy and Independence
- Education, Training and Information
- Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- Concern for Community



# Membership Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Business Members Only***

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EIN # \_\_\_\_\_

## **Other Adults in Household/Employees on Account (max 2)**

Additional Member #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Member #2: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Contact Information**

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

When did you first hear about the Co-op? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about the Co-op? \_\_\_\_\_

*If referred by someone, enter their name here too:*

## **Select your Membership Plan**

*Note: Payment plans are subject to a one-time \$10 administrative fee. Annual payments (\$50) are due on Jan 31. Semi-annual payments (\$25) are due on Jan 31 and July 31.*

Please select a plan:  Full Share Investment \$200.00 USD  
 Annual Payment Plan \$60.00 USD  
 Semi-Annual Payment Plan \$35.00 USD

Please bill me via:  Snail Mail  
 Email

Read and review the member-owner contract on the back.

**I have read and agree to the Member-Owner Contract:**

X \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign above.

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# Member-Owner Contract

I agree to become a Member-Owner of the Kitsap Community Food Co-op under these terms and conditions:

## **Purchase and Payment of Shares**

A Full Share costs \$200, payable in one lump sum, or in annual or semi-annual installments totaling at least \$50 per year. Paying by installment requires payment of a one-time \$10 service fee.

Annual installments are due on or before January 31. Semiannual installments are due on or before Jan 31 & July 31.

After the co-op store has been open for business for one full year, and the Board deems it prudent, a Member-Owner may retire their shares and receive a full refund of all share payments (not including the \$10 installment service fee), and of payment for any Quarter Shares purchased.

## **Member-Owner Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities**

**Patronage Dividends:** Only Member-Owners who have paid their fullshare investment are entitled to receive Patronage Dividends.

Patronage Dividends are issued at the end of profitable fiscal years, as determined by the Board of Directors. Patronage Dividends are proportionate to a Member-Owner's total purchases during the prior fiscal year. Patronage Dividends are issued as store credit, or in some cases, by check (upon Member-Owner request), according to Co-op Policy. Patronage Dividends are valid for use for one year after the date they are issued.

**Governance Rights:** Member-Owners who have paid in full; or Member-Owners who have paid an initial installment, and who are not delinquent in later installments; may participate in elections, run for the Board, and may attend Board Meetings which are open according to Co-op Policy.

**Member-Owner Responsibilities:** Member-Owners must keep the Co-op informed of their current address, and must stay current in any share installment payments (if applicable).

**Termination and Inactive Status:** Member-Owners who fail to make a timely annual or semi-annual installment payment will, after a 30-day grace period, become Inactive. Inactive members may not participate in elections or run for the Board, attend Board Meetings, and are not entitled to a refund of Member-Ownership payments. Inactive Member-Owners may restore regular active status by paying delinquent amounts.

For a complete list of Member-Owner rights and responsibilities, you may refer to and download a copy of the Co-op bylaws at [Member-Owner 101](#) .