

the mustard seed.

CO-OPERATIVE GROCERY INC.

Membership is at the heart of The Mustard Seed Co-operative Grocery Inc., a business owned and governed by its members that operates for their benefit. Co-operation is a powerful tool to help communities meet local needs. As a co-owner of the Co-op you are entitled to an equitable vote in a democratically-run business.

You are seeking membership in The Mustard Seed because you intend to utilize the Co-op's services. Members are expected to regularly patronize the Co-op as part of our shared commitment to ensuring its financial viability. When our business thrives, we all benefit from improved access to local, wholesome food. Please make the Co-op your first stop for weekly groceries. After all, you own your grocery store!

First Name (Primary contact) Last Name

Email (Primary contact)

First Name (Secondary Contact) Last Name

Email (Secondary contact)

Street Address

City Province Postal Code

Phone number

___/___/___

Birthdate (DD / MM / YY) Primary contact

Signature

A membership fee is \$100.00, due at time of joining

When a one-time payment is not feasible, membership may be accessed through a payment plan.

An initial minimum payment of \$25 is required; the amount remaining will be added to your Co-op Credits account as a negative balance. This may be paid up at any time, including through Co-op Credits received on each grocery purchase. All benefits of membership are extended except for voting rights: all members must be paid up and in good standing to vote on Co-op business matters.

The Board of Directors has final authority over accepting all memberships, including those on payment plans.

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have read and understand the benefits and responsibilities of membership in The Mustard Seed Co-operative Grocery as outlined below. I will abide by the seven international principles of co-operation. I also acknowledge and accept the authority of the Co-op's bylaws. I understand that I will be a part owner in the co-operative, and will act responsibly to support the business' success.

The liability of a member is limited in accordance with the Co-operative Corporations Act in Ontario. Membership is open to any person over 16 years of age, as well as incorporated entities. Two or more persons in a household may jointly hold a membership, but count as one person for voting purposes. A Mustard Seed membership fee is non-refundable and may be transferable, when paid in full, at the Board's discretion.

Membership Benefits

- Voting rights, one vote per member
- Opportunity to be involved in the leadership and structure of your store
- Discounts on all items
- Additional regular sales items for members only
- Access to member-owner prices for specialty and bulk-ordering services
- Discounts at co-op workshops & events

Membership Responsibilities

- Stay informed about the business by reading regular Co-op emails
- Participate through voting, completing surveys, and providing informal feedback on Co-op issues
- Purchase a \$100 non-refundable membership, providing capital for Co-op operations
- Memberships must be fully paid up to participate in Co-op voting
- Update the Co-op on changes to your contact information

Member Number	Date Joined	Amount paid (\$100 or other)	Received By

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