



# Belle Plaine

## Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Meetings 1st Mondays

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## How Does The Chamber Work?

Powered by its members and led entirely by volunteers, the Chamber is the official organization working to advance the local business community. The Board of Directors provides strategic governance, with volunteer committees taking the lead on specific initiatives to accomplish the Chamber's goals and serve our town.

## Why Is It Important To Have An Active Chamber?

An active Chamber of Commerce is the primary catalyst for economic growth and community strength in a small town.

- **Economic Engine** It serves as the collective voice and support system for small businesses, offering networking, resources, and credibility to help them thrive and create local jobs.
- **Town Promoter** It actively markets the town to visitors and investors, often by organizing major community events (like festivals and parades) that draw traffic to local shops and services.
- **Unified Voice** It advocates for the business community with local government on crucial issues like taxes and infrastructure, ensuring the town has a pro-business climate.
- **Community Cohesion** It fosters a sense of pride and collaboration, making the town a more attractive place to live, work, and visit.

In short, it provides the collective power and resources necessary for a small town to compete and flourish.

## The Big Picture

Impact requires investment. To strengthen our community's quality of life and advocate powerfully for local businesses, the Chamber needs resources—people, time, and funding. Member investment is the essential foundation that allows the Chamber to play its vital role and get the job done.

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**Membership Levels** Membership dues are tax deductible. A copy of the by-laws will be furnished on request.

**Student Membership—\$10** Any student in the Belle Plaine School District USD 357 interested in promoting student activities, organizations and clubs, and school events.

**Individual Membership—\$25** Any person not associated with a business who would like to support the Chamber's work in our community, including its businesses, organizations, and community events.

**Community Partner Membership—\$30** Includes any non-profit, community organization, club, church, or not-for-profit. The organization will designate one representative to act on their behalf in matters concerning the Chamber.

**Home-Based Business (No Storefront/No Employees)—\$50** Solo entrepreneurs in a residential-based business with no commercial traffic. (Makers, Direct Sales, etc.)

**Business Membership—\$100** Any business, association, corporation, or partnership. The company will designate one representative to act on their behalf in matters concerning the Chamber.

**Business Associate Membership—\$50** An employee or representative of a Business Member shall be allowed to represent and act on the designated business' behalf. One per business member.



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I (we), the applicant(s), hereby agree to participate with the fellow business community members of the Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce to promote economic prosperity and, therefore, apply for membership and agree to pay the annual dues based on membership level. By applying for membership, it is agreed that payment of annual dues shall continue from year to year unless modified or cancelled in writing while in good standing.

Complete one form for each business, organization or individual you wish to sign up. Form must be completely filled out for all new and renewal memberships. Membership will be subject to rejection or held until completed form is submitted.

Include your payment for annual membership dues with application. Make checks payable to Belle Plaine Area Chamber of Commerce. Mail to Belle Plaine Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 721, Belle Plaine KS 67013. Or apply and pay online at [belleplainechamber.com/membership](http://belleplainechamber.com/membership)

Please email your business logo or if individual membership a photo if you wish to [belleplainechamber@gmail.com](mailto:belleplainechamber@gmail.com).

**New Membership**                       **Annual Renewal**                      **Application Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Levels** Please check level that applies.                       Student                       Individual                       Community Partner

Home-Based                       Business                       Business Associate \_\_\_\_\_  
Business or Member You Are Representing

**Full Legal Name of Business, Organization or Individual** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address include P.O.Box** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website** \_\_\_\_\_ **Facebook** \_\_\_\_\_

**Instagram** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Social Media** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact (Owner)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Founded** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Contact Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Text**     YES     NO

**\*Business Description (as would appear in the directory)** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required for all business and community partner memberships, optional for student and individuals)

**Indicate which committees you are interested in**     Ambassadors (Membership/Member Services)     Christmas Celebration  
 Shop Local (Community Relations/Promotions)     Programs (Speakers/Training)     Belle Plaine's Downtown Festival

**Reason for Joining** Please check all that apply

- Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting     Community Involvement     Networking/Making Connections     Training/Education
- Sponsorship Opportunities     Directory /Website Listing     Credibility & Public Trust     Programs & Events
- Email Updates     Legislative Advocacy     Collaboration With Local Businesses     Increased Visibility
- Participation In Community Projects     Leadership Opportunities