



HIRE YOUR CHAMBER!

That sounds strange, doesn't it? All these years you have been asked to "join" your Chamber, but each member does a lot more than just join when he pays for his membership.

Your Chamber does many things for the business and professional communities and general public which they might not be able to do alone. Your Chamber provides services and benefits that completely overshadow your costs – that is, your membership investment – when you hire the Chamber.

You hire the Chamber:

- *As a watch-dog to protect your interest in local, state and national legislation that may affect your business and community.*
- *To provide a medium through which people can take affective action for the progress of the community.*
- *To work for more and better job opportunities for the people who patronize your business.*
- *To promote a good public image of your community for business and industry.*

In all these functions the Chamber of Commerce is serving as a department – a partner – of every business and every professional person in the area.

Now, doesn't that phrase "hire your Chamber" sound logical? When you write your check for your membership, think of it in these terms. You are hiring your Chamber, its staff and services, as a valuable part of your business or profession.

Your investment is deductible as a "necessary item of business expense". It is not a contribution or a gift you're making....it's an investment in your business and your community!

Chamber Membership doesn't Cost it Pays!

"You're Partner in Business"

300 E. Wheatland Rd. Duncanville, TX 75116, 972.780.4990 Phone, 972.298.9370 Fax

www.duncanvillechamber.org

www.gamesofduncanville.com

Why Should I Be a Member of the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce?

Because I have a business at stake in the community which can be best safeguarded by working with others through the Chamber of Commerce to protect and advance all businesses.

Because my support is “plowed back” to yield many benefits in business growth, increased payroll, health, safety, legislation, business protection and community advancement.

Because the Chamber of Commerce can't represent our community well or carry out its broad program of work to promote business and community prosperity through economic, civic and educational programs without personal service and financial support.

Because through the Chamber of Commerce I can discharge my obligations to this community in which I live and earn my living. I realize that every person owes a debt to the community that cannot be paid in taxes – a debt of personal service.

Because an active membership in my Chamber of Commerce carries with it a sense of accomplishment and inner satisfaction from the knowledge that I am doing my share of an important job.

Although everyone in the community benefits from the work of the Chamber of Commerce, I can accept those benefits with a sense of pride ONLY if I have had a part in bringing them about.



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

- Are invited to **attend first Membership Luncheon at no cost**. Subsequent Chamber luncheons are \$20 with reservations. Quarterly Best Southwest Luncheons are \$25.
- Are encouraged to **set up a Ribbon Cutting** for new membership, new business, remodeling, etc. (The Chamber will provide information on how to put on an event and post photo in our newsletter.)
- Benefit by use of the **Chamber conference room** up to one time a month during office hours at **no charge**.
- Are welcome to **call the Chamber at any time** to seek information or bounce around ideas.
- **Save \$100 on your first direct mail piece** through ValPak with Open Rate.
- **Are encouraged to get involved!**

Brochures Displayed

Members may display flyers or brochures in the Chamber Office.

Chamber Seal

No charge for certificates of Origin for use in exporting merchandise.

Fun After Five Card Connections

Once a month members get together at a Chamber member business to enjoy great food from local restaurants and network in a relaxed atmosphere.

Internet- ChamberMaster

All members are listed by Name and Business Category at www.duncanvillechamber.org. Your listing includes a link to your homepage, Hot Deals and Job Postings are available too.

Leads Group

The Duncanville Business Interchange meets at the Chamber on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. and is a great opportunity to network and generate new business and leads within the community.

Labels

Reduced rates are offered for Chamber member labels. Your first set of labels is at no charge. Subsequent label sets are \$50 for members.

Marketing on LED Sign

Great marketing opportunities exist in advertising on Duncanville's LED Sign exclusive to Chamber Members only. Weekly rates are \$30 per week, or \$100 for 4 weeks.

Membership Directory

All members are listed in the Chamber's Membership Directory, used as an information piece on the area and a guide of recommended business to newcomers, local residents and out-of-town visitors.

Monthly Luncheon

Monthly membership luncheons are held to educate, entertain and provide networking opportunities to new and current members. **New members attend their first luncheon at no charge.**

Networking Opportunities

Regularly scheduled membership functions provide forums for making business contacts.

Program of Work

Members benefit from an aggressive Plan of Action consisting of standing committees designed to make the Duncanville area a better place to live and do business.

Referrals

Members' names and phone numbers are distributed to thousands of people inquiring each year about goods, services, shopping and visiting opportunities.

Representation

We are the voice of the business community in the City and in State and national Government.

Ribbon Cuttings

Upon request, new members can host a **ribbon cutting** supported by the Chamber Networkers.

*Call the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce with any questions.
We are excited to offer these opportunities to help your business grow.
Some benefits do not apply to Individual Memberships*

DUNCANVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Company: _____

Primary Contact: _____ **Title:** _____

Company Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Company Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ *Fax: _____

Alt. or Cell Phone #: _____ Sponsor: _____

Email: _____ Web Address: _____

No. of Employees: _____ Year Established: _____ Type of Business: _____

Complete billing information if different then above company information.

Billing Contact: _____ **Title:** _____

Billing Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please mark the committees and groups that you wish to receive information about:

_____ Auction _____ Networker's Group _____ Taste of Duncanville
_____ Golf Tournament _____ Business Interchange _____ Education

Your membership investment in the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce is federally income tax deductible as a business expense under IRS code Sec. 501 (c)(6).

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Investment Amount:	\$	Method of Payment:	_____ Cash
One time application fee	+\$25.00		_____ Check
Total amount paid:	\$		_____ Credit Card

*By providing us with your fax number you are giving the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce written permission to use you fax number for correspondence from the Chamber.

INVESTMENT SCHEDULE

(For membership through 2012 billing cycle)

★CATEGORY 1 Amusement/Entertainment, Churches, Construction, Contractors, Country Clubs, Distributors, Manufacturing and Processing, Non-Profit Organizations, Regional/National Headquarters, Retail, Service, Wholesalers, etc.

# of Employees	Investment
1-20	\$250
21-40	\$350
41-60	\$460
60+	\$575

★CATEGORY 2 Utilities Negotiable

★CATEGORY 3 Individual \$100
(Elected officials, retirees, or residents. This is a non business membership)

★CATEGORY 4 Senior \$75
(Individual 62 years of age or older, retirees or residents. This is a non business membership)

★CATEGORY 5 Associate \$100
(Employee of a member company)

★CATEGORY 6 Financial Institutions \$250 plus \$6 per million

★CATEGORY 7 Hospitals \$250 plus \$2 per bed

★CATEGORY 8 Apartments \$250 plus \$1 per unit

★CATEGORY 9 Hotels, Motels, Inns \$250 plus \$4 per room

★★A one-time \$25 application fee is charged to all new members.