



Membership Application

The **Detroit Black Community Food Security Network** is a coalition of organizations and individuals working together to build food security in Detroit's Black community by: 1) influencing public policy; 2) promoting urban agriculture; 3) encouraging co-operative buying; 4) promoting healthy eating habits; 5) facilitating mutual support and collective action among members; and 6) encouraging young people to pursue careers in agriculture, aquaculture, animal husbandry, bee-keeping and other food related fields. The Detroit Black Community Food Security Network is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

There are three classes of members: Individual, Family and Organizational. Membership is granted to any individual, family or organization who supports the mission and purposes of the **Detroit Black Community Food Security Network**. Members have voting rights.

Please Check One

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Membership | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Membership | \$50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Organizational Membership | \$120.00 |

Please make checks or money orders payable to *Detroit Black Community Food Security Network* or *DBCFSN*, and mail to Ebony Roberts, Treasurer, DBCFSN, 19410 Livernois, Detroit, MI 48221. If you have any questions about dues, you can contact Ebony Roberts, Treasurer via email at blackstareducation@yahoo.com or by phone at (313) 521-0400.



Standing Committees

Education and Training. This committee shall be responsible for 1) developing and training a cadre of members with the knowledge and skills needed to maintain the organization's agricultural projects; 2) educating members and the community at large on the planting, cultivation, harvesting, and preservation of various agricultural products; and 3) planning visits to other agricultural projects.

Co-Operative Buying and Sales. This committee shall be responsible for 1) selling the organization's products (wholesale and retail); 2) promoting cooperative principles among members and the community at large; 3) organizing support for existing food co-ops and co-operative buying programs; and 4) planning and implementing the DBCFSN food co-op.

Farm Planning and Operations. This committee shall be responsible for planning and managing all aspects of the operation of the organization's farm and other agricultural projects.

Safety and Security. This committee shall be responsible for 1) securing all land and property acquired by the organization and ensuring the safety of the members working that land; and 2) providing first aid and emergency response capability.

Fund Development. This committee shall be responsible for 1) planning and implementing fundraising efforts; 2) writing, tracking and reporting on grants; and 3) working with the treasurer to maintain accurate records of all organizational assets and expenditures.

Public Relations and Marketing. This committee shall be responsible for 1) promoting the work of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network, its events and activities, and the purpose and objectives of community food security via print and electronic media, the Internet, and public speaking; and 2) developing and implementing a comprehensive marketing plan to promote the organizations products, programs and services.

Community Outreach and Membership. This committee shall be responsible for 1) making informational presentations to organizations and institutions interested in learning about community food security and the possibility of becoming a member of DBCFSN; 2) recruiting and retaining membership via an annual membership campaign; 3) communicating organizational activities with members via quarterly newsletters, emails and periodic mailings; and 4) building relationships/liaisons with organizations involved in food security work locally, nationally and internationally.

Food Security Issues Watch. This committee shall be responsible for gathering and disseminating information to members regarding 1) corporate and public policy recommendations, discussions, and changes that may adversely affect the community's ability to secure healthy food; 2) genetically modified foods, corporate agriculture processes, food security, fair trade and any other relevant issues and developments; and 3) food security issues that affect the people of the African World Community, particularly links between food security and corporate involvement on the continent of Africa and other places where there are large populations of Africans.