

Ownership Application and Share Purchase Agreement

For the purpose of providing necessary capital for the proposed retail food co-op, the Cedar Falls Food Co-op ("CFFC" or "the Co-op"), and to acquire an ownership interest in the Co-op, I agree to purchase one share at the price of \$200.

OWNER INFORMATION

NAME (USE INDIVIDUAL NAME ONLY - LIST OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS BELOW)

ADDRESS CITY ZIP

EMAIL PHONE [] HOME [] WORK [] MOBILE

I authorize the following individuals in my household to shop at the Co-op on my Owner card. Their purchases will count towards determining my Patronage Rebate. They will not have voting rights:

I learned about the Cedar Falls Food Co-op from the following person(s) and/or source(s):

I understand by becoming an owner, the CFFC can list my name and town in promotional materials, including in social media, **unless I opt out** by initialing here: _____

I understand by becoming an owner, the CFFC will send me periodic updates by email, **unless I opt out** by initialing here: _____
[Please note: This does not apply to important owner information, including election details.]

I understand that this application is subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors of the Co-op and that my membership is subject to the Co-op Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws and acknowledge the statement of ownership provisions listed on the opposite side of this application form.

OWNER SIGNATURE

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- My full Equity Share Payment of \$200 is enclosed.
- I would like to pay for my share in installments. My \$50 initial payment is enclosed. I will make monthly payments of \$50 until my equity share is paid in full. I understand I do not have voting rights and access to the patronage refund program until the full \$200 payment has been reached. (If you prefer, please contact us to discuss other payment plan options.)
- In addition to my equity share payment, I would like to contribute \$_____ as a non-tax exempt gift. This will not change my voting rights in any way, but it will help the co-op become established in our community more quickly.

Please send this application with your payment to: Cedar Falls Food Co-op, PO Box 1002, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

STAFF USE ONLY

Member Number _____ Accepted by the Co-op on and by: Date _____ Signature _____



Ownership Provisions

Ownership in the Co-op is voluntary and is open to any individual 18 years or older, who is willing to accept the benefits and responsibilities of ownership.

1. The owner may vote in Co-op elections and ballots. Proxy voting is permitted.
2. Any person in the household in which the member resides may use the membership, but only the owner has voting rights.
3. The owner will notify the Co-op if a person joins or leaves the household if that person is to have or has had Co-op member privilege.
4. Members shall inform the Co-op of change of address.
5. Only those owners who have paid in full will have voting rights and access to the patronage rebate program.
6. The Board or Management of the Co-op store may define discount or benefit programs that may be altered or discontinued at any time at their discretion.
7. A patronage refund will be paid to the owner when the Co-op becomes profitable. The amount of the patronage refund will be in proportion to the amount of patronage by that membership.
8. Shares are entitled to no dividends, will not be redeemable for more than their issuing price, and may be redeemable for less, or nothing, depending on the Co-op's finances.
9. Patronage refunds must be reported to the IRS as they require.
10. As with any start-up enterprise, owner equity is subject to risk including the risk of loss. Owner equity is subordinate to all other debts of the Co-op.
11. If there is no patronage from an owner's account within one fiscal year, the membership shall go into inactive status. The membership will be reactivated once patronage continues.
12. These provisions may be changed at any time by action of the Board. Members will be notified of changes.
13. These membership provisions are largely an informal summary of the benefits, rights and responsibilities of Co-op membership as contained in our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. To read the legal description, please refer to these documents.



We own it. You can too!