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Membership Application

For accuracy of records, please print or type information requested on this application. *Thank you*

Company Name _____

Primary Contact Name _____

Title _____

Please Circle Preference Mr. Miss Mrs. Ms

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____ Ext. _____

Fax (____) _____

Email _____

(For Chamber use only: Will not publish, share or distribute)

Website _____

No. of Employees _____ Full-time _____ Part-Time _____

Type of Business _____

Annual Investment Rate: (See chart on reverse) \$ _____

One-time administration fee +\$ 30.00

Check Enclosed **Total** \$ _____

Credit Card No. _____

Visa MasterCard Exp Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Membership Dues are deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Contributions or gifts to the organization are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

By submitting this application, you are subscribing to Article II, Section 3 of the Chamber By-laws which read: "Members of the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry shall attempt at all times to conduct business as members of the community in an honest, professional and ethical manner, and support the principles of good customer service."

Please include check payable to: **Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry**, 1401 Oakton Street, Des Plaines, IL 60018, or FAX to: 847-824-7932

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What members are saying:

"Not only have we been able to generate business with members, both buying from and selling to, but it's also important that we have the ability to engage the supporting services necessary to keep business flowing smoothly. The sources of advice and the trust developed over the years have played an important role."

Martha Atherton, Treasurer
Raco Industrial Corporation

"We find that our involvement with the Chamber has increased every year, and with this comes name recognition of our company as well as incremental business through vast networking opportunities. Not only have our sales increased through involvement with the Des Plaines Chamber, our ability to have more fun has increased as well."

Randy A. Johnson, President & C.E.O.
Evolution Marketing Group, Inc.

"Information on local services are available quickly through our Chamber Directory. Our membership has paid for itself through available services, with the added value of building a larger client base. Whenever we have a service problem to resolve, we look to the Chamber membership first. And best of all, the resources of the Chamber staff add a great understanding of business."

Wallace J. Wiekliniski, C.P.A.
W. J. Wiekliniski & Co.

"The Chamber is important to us because: (1) most of our customers are Chamber members; (2) we believe in community and the Chamber is our primary link to the Des Plaines community, (3) Chamber staff is helpful, always there when we have a problem and a delight to work with."

Roger Hull, Owner
AlphaGraphics



The Des Plaines Chamber
of Commerce & Industry

Are you in—or are you out?

**Retailers,
Service providers,
Industry,
Manufacturers,
Distributors,
Professionals,
Home-Based Entrepreneurs...**

*...are among over 600 other
businesses and employers that
have made the choice to be an
informed, trusted and
active part of the Des Plaines
business community.*

**Over 600
business
voices
strong!**

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Address Correction Requested

What's in it for me?



**The Des Plaines Chamber
of Commerce & Industry**

Membership in the Chamber has its privileges. Here are some of the benefits of belonging that make the Chamber a sound business investment:

Get Listed. As a member, you'll be included in our annual Directory and Community Guide, listed by your category on our website, and be part of any referrals made through the Chamber office via phone, fax or email. (For many, this service is worth the annual investment alone!)

Networking Opportunities are available through meetings, social events, forums and committees to make new business contacts and to receive leads and referrals and identify valuable resources.



Monthly "First Friday" and other networking venues are well attended.

Monthly Newsletter. Our monthly publication, "The Business Advocate", is full of Chamber news, tips, happenings, advice and other information that may help you in your business, or keep you informed of new Chamber programs or events. With a targeted local business circulation of over 1,000, advertising opportunities are limited to members only.

Publicity & Exposure through cost-effective advertising in Chamber publications, promotional mailings, business expos, New Neighbor and New Business Welcome Program, website and more are available to members.

Members Only. Only families of member businesses are eligible to apply for three annual \$1000 Scholarships offered through our Education Foundation. Only Member business employees may attend our annual FREE Leadership Series, and other special offerings and benefits throughout the year.



Only member businesses are eligible for annual Consumer and Business to Business EXPOS.

Professional and Personal Development. The Chamber offers a selection of quality educational programs such as seminars, workshops and Leadership Series to enhance leadership skills and professional growth at all levels of employment.



The Chamber takes active and pro-active stands on legislation affecting business on state and local levels

Business Advocacy. The Chamber monitors all levels of government and acts as the "Voice of Business" on legislation. It studies and analyzes issues of interest to Des Plaines and its business community. It takes advocacy positions on issues and addresses them with members,

elected officials and the community. Email alerts, and communications provide accurate and immediate information on current pending legislation.

Discounts/Special Rates. Through its Member to Member Discount Program, discount/special rates are offered by Chamber members to Chamber members. It encourages members and their employees to buy from each other.

Education Partnerships. To ensure a quality workforce for tomorrow, the Chamber offers scholarships, works to develop better understanding and communication between the business and educational communities, to teach and foster the skills and values students need to succeed in the workplace, and to play an advocacy role in educational issues that will provide a well-educated workforce in the future. Business & Education Partnerships are established which benefit all involved.



Business Resources. Through it's many publications, mailings, emails and other means of communication, the Chamber keeps members informed of issues affecting the successful operation of local businesses. The Chamber maintains active memberships in local, state and national business organizations to bring members the most up-to-date information. A Business Resource Center is housed in the Chamber office and provides books, reports, newsletters, business videos & tapes, and trade publications to assist members.

Special Services. The Chamber conference room is available for use by members only along with up-to-date mailing labels, Certificate of Export Documentation and other valuable services are available to members only at nominal fees. Free notary service is also offered to members only.

Pledge: "Members of the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce & Industry shall attempt at all times to conduct business as members of the community in an honest, professional and ethical manner, and support the principles of good customer service."

Membership Investment Rates

Most membership investment rates are based on the number of employees at the facility that is joining. If your organization is a not-for-profit charitable or civic group, or you are an individual interested in membership, there are flat rates. Please review the rate schedules below and complete the membership application with your rate.

General Business Rates (two part-time employees equal one full-time employee). Rates as of 3/1/04

Number of Employees	Annual Investment
1-4	\$ 189
5 - 10	\$ 265
11-20	\$ 301
21-35	\$ 352
36-50	\$ 403
51-75	\$ 434
76-100	\$ 515
101-150	\$ 571
151-300	\$ 714
301-500	\$ 954
501-750	\$1,148
751-1000	\$1,397
1001 - and over	\$1,688

Banks/Financial Institutions	\$510 (per branch)
Utilities	\$326
Government/Education	\$306
Individual (Non-business, no listings)	\$179
Hospitals/Nursing Homes	\$224 + \$1.28 per bed
Hotels/Motels	\$224 + \$1.28 per room
Non-Profit/Civic/Charitable	\$204
(Professional and/or Trade Associations by # of employees)	

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