

Information for Prospective Members

The Buying Group of St. Louis DBA City Food Co-op (City Food Co-op) is a food cooperative, incorporated under the laws of the state of Missouri as a stock company.

Food is one of the basic needs of every household and its cost escalates daily. When the group purchases food in bulk and the members supply the necessary labor to order, receive and distribute the product, it is possible to save a substantial amount of money on food purchases. Buying in bulk also reduces the amount of packaging and advertisement required and so is better for the environment.

City Food Co-op specializes in natural and organic foods with a wide selection of organic produce, whole grains, bread, pasta, cereal, beans, meat substitutes, yogurt, cheese, condiments, spices, coffee, tea, snacks, and natural sweeteners, as well as environmentally friendly household items and health and beauty products. We also offer a selection of conventional groceries including fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, cheese, milk, and bread.

Some items are stocked in the store for purchase off the shelf, while others must be preordered by the member. Members preorder organic produce, conventional groceries, and anything listed in our natural food or spice catalog. Some catalog items must be ordered by the case and others may be ordered individually.

Product is sold to working members at cost plus a 15% service charge. Non-working members pay a 50% service charge. The service charge covers the co-op's operating expenses.

The co-op is open on Thursday and Saturday every other week (see the co-op calendar for exact dates) Hours: Thursday 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Orders are due at the end of each sale week by 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Requirements for membership are:

1. Purchase on share of stock (par value \$10.00).
2. Pay a refundable deposit of \$20.00.
3. Fulfill the work commitment (up to 4 hours every four weeks if working member).
4. Attend the annual stockholders meeting every year (one adult member of the household).

Please note: In accordance with the by-laws of the group, the board of directors has the authority to assess each member for an amount not more than the value of one share of stock (\$10.00) each year. This assessment is payable at the beginning of the fiscal year (October 1). The share of stock is not an assessment. It is an investment and may be sold under the provisions of the by-laws of the group. The deposit is refundable upon written request to the treasurer.

Please complete, sign, and return with your deposit and stock purchase. *Denotes required information.

Member Name*: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

Address*: _____ Zip Code*: _____

Phone Number(s)/Type(s) (at least one): _____

E-mail Address(es): _____

Recommended by: _____

Other adults in household:

- | | |
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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

List additional adults on reverse

*Member Type: working non-working†

*Skills (please check all that apply):

*Shifts Available:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computing | <input type="checkbox"/> Van/Truck | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TUE | <input type="checkbox"/> WED | <input type="checkbox"/> THU | <input type="checkbox"/> SAT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Evening | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon |

†Non-working members may be required to pay additional service charges on purchases.

I have read the "Information For Prospective Members" for the Buying Group of St. Louis DBA City Food Co-op (BGS�). I hereby make application for membership. I agree to abide by the articles of incorporation and the by-laws of the BGS� and all future amendments thereto. I sincerely believe that membership in the BGS� will assist me to provide myself and family with quality food at the lowest possible costs. I

believe that cooperation is the basis of achieving lasting results. I hereby agree to purchase one share of stock at \$10.00, pay a \$20.00 refundable deposit. Perform work requirements or pay additional service charge as provided by in the by-laws of the BGS�, and pay any assessments as provided by the by-laws of the BGS�.

 Signature Date

Office Use						
Member ID	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Check	Rec'd by	Date
	Stock	Deposit			Check No.	
Notes: _____						