



BLOUNT COUNTY-ONEONTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Your bridge to a brighter tomorrow...

TEN GOOD REASONS TO JOIN THE BLOUNT COUNTY-ONEONTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. The Chamber of Commerce is the only staffed organization in Blount County whose membership is made up primarily of business and professional as well as clubs and organizations. The organization is a group of volunteers headed by a board of directors, elected by the membership. A staff consisting of a president and executive secretary handle the administrative duties of the organization.
2. A major function of the Chamber is to locate business and industry in our county and to assist existing business and industry.
3. The Chamber is an active community participant. Whether it is by sponsoring county-wide events or providing tourist information, the Chamber is involved in spotlighting our county and its people.
4. The Chamber is a ready reference source, from information on commercial sites for a business to listings of civic clubs and organizations.
5. The Chamber works with the Small Business Development Center to provide free, one-on-one confidential counseling for prospective or established small business owners..
6. Each member of the Chamber is listed in the Newcomer's Book, which is distributed to each new family moving into Blount County.
7. Membership in the Chamber tells customers and associates that you are part of a team of reputable business and professional men and women who work to better themselves and their community. Through the Chamber, you have the opportunity to meet with other business men and women at monthly membership breakfasts and exchange ideas, attract customers and learn of the developments of the county.
8. By joining the Chamber, you are making an investment in the future of your county and community. You are taking action that will help your business, benefit the entire community and help the many volunteers that make the Chamber a viable tool in promoting Blount County. As a Chamber member you have a vote as to who your Chamber Board of Directors will be.
9. Seminars and workshops of interest to the members of the Chamber are held periodically and speakers are brought into the monthly breakfasts to keep you abreast of the happenings and trends in business and the economy as well as in local and state government.
10. A strong Chamber means a better way of life not only for business and industry, but for all of Blount County. More businesses means more revenue to help support schools and services that Blount County depends on.

Your Participation is Important?

The more active a member is in the work of the Chamber, the more that member will benefit from his investment. A member that is not able to participate on a regular basis still contributes to the overall program with their investment dues each year.

THE CHAMBER WORKS FOR YOU...

- as an information center about our county
- to provide maps and brochures of the area
- to promote free enterprise and encourage shopping in Blount County
- by providing information and assistance to industrial and business prospects
- to promote tourism through a Tourism Committee
- by publishing a monthly newsletter with a calendar of events
- by providing counseling sessions through the Small Business Development Center
- by coordinating monthly membership breakfast, free to members
- to maintain community data files
- to maintain and update available building listings for industrial prospects
- to provide Covered Bridge post cards, prints and other memorabilia
- by providing Group Health Insurance, hospital, life, disability, dental and long-term care
- by working to attract retirees

CHAMBER SPONSORED EVENTS

COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL
BLOUNT COUNTY CHRISTMAS PARADE
OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD
OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS
SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD
INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR AWARD
ANNUAL DINNER

DUES SCHEDULE

Category I: Industry

Manufacturing, Processing, Wholesalers, Inc.
\$120 plus \$1 per employee

Category II: General

Insurance, Real Estate, Retailers, Other
Based on Number of Employees

Up to 25	\$95
26-50	\$145
50 and Over	\$170

Category III: Agriculture

Based on Number of Employees

Up to 10	\$70
10-25	\$95
26-50	\$120
50 and Over	\$145

Category IV: Utilities

County Wide \$520
Local \$220

Category V: Financial Institutions

Up to 10 million in assets \$220
10-30 million in assets \$370
Over 30 million in assets \$520

Category VI: Accommodations

Motels, Hotels, Apartments 1-15 Units \$120 plus \$2 per unit
Mobile Home Parks 1-15 Units \$120 plus \$.50 per unit

Category VII: Individuals

Attorneys, Doctors, Accountants, Other \$120
each additional firm member \$35
retired and salaried personnel \$35

Category VIII: Transportation

Trucking, Bus, Train or Taxi \$95
Plus \$5 for each registered vehicle

Category IX: Non Profit

Churches, Schools, Civic Clubs \$35

Please complete and return to the Blount County-Oneonta Chamber of Commerce
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Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Year Established _____ No. Employees _____

Contact Person _____

Annual Investment \$ _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

AMOUNT PAID \$ _____

CHECK _____ CASH _____