



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE APPLICATION

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1 - APRIL 30, 2010

ABOUT YOU

Name _____ Title _____

Company _____

Business Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Web site _____

Chapter _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DUES

Annual National Dues & Renewals Choose One	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Member *: \$100 New <input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Business Owner: \$100 New <input type="checkbox"/> Established Business Owner: \$150 New <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Member *: \$150 New (*Membership applications for Supporting, Student, and Retired categories must be submitted to your local chapter for preapproval.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired Member *: \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member: \$300 New <input type="checkbox"/> At-Large Member: \$170 New	\$
National Dues Discount (March 1 – April 30, 2010)	____ Annual Membership Drive Dues Discount: \$25		-\$25
Annual Chapter Dues Buffalo Niagara	NAWBO has chapters in more than 80 cities. If there is a chapter within 45 miles of your business, you must pay both chapter and national dues to become eligible for membership. Visit www.nawbo.org for a complete listing of NAWBO chapters and chapter dues.		\$75.00
Total Amount Enclosed (National Dues + Chapter Dues)			\$

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check enclosed (payable to NAWBO) **Mail application and check payments to: NAWBO Buffalo Niagara, P.O. Box 917, Williamsville, NY 14221**

OR

Credit Card Payment Visa MasterCard American Express

For credit card payment: fill out credit card information and mail application to NAWBO Buffalo Niagara, P.O. Box 917, Williamsville, NY 14221

Account Number _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____/_____/_____

Name as Appears on Card _____ Signature _____

PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Personal demographics are collected for statistical purposes only and are confidential.

Age (Year of Birth) _____ (YYYY)

Race/Ethnicity Black/African American Black/Hispanic Origin Native American/Alaskan
 Asian/Asian American Asian/Asian Indian White/Non-Hispanic
 White/Hispanic Origin White/Middle Eastern Origin Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 Other race/ethnicity No Answer

Disabled Yes No

Veteran Veteran Non-Veteran Service – Disabled Veteran Member Reserve/National Guard

Political Affiliation Republican Democrat Independent

BUSINESS DEMOGRAPHICS

Business description, NAICS code, Entity Type, and Certifications Held are included in the NAWBO Member Directory. All other demographics are collected for statistical purposes only.

Year Started/Acquired _____ (YYYY)

Type of Entity C Corp S Corp General Partnership Limited Partnership
 Sole Proprietorship Non-Profit Non-Business Owner LLC

BUSINESS DEMOGRAPHICS (continued)

Number of F/T Employees _____ Number of P/T Employees _____

Percent Ownership Non-business owner Less than 50 percent 50 percent - 99 percent

Annual Revenue Less than \$100,000 \$100,000 to \$249,999 \$250,000 to \$499,999 \$500,000 to \$1 million
 \$1 million to \$3 million \$3 million to \$5 million \$5 million to \$10 million More than \$10 million

Certifications Held No Certifications/Not Applicable MBE – certified by local/state govt. WBE – certified by NWBOC
 WBE – certified by WBENC WBE – certified by local govt. WBE – certified by state govt.
 WBE – certified by the SBA

NAICS code _____ To find your business NAICS code, go to www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html

Number of locations _____

Home-based business? Yes No Do you do business internationally? Yes No

In the space provided, please print or type a short description of your business, which will be included in our national membership directory (limit 250 characters, including spaces and punctuation).

NAWBO DEMOGRAPHICS

Reason for joining Advocacy/National Representation Business Development Chapter Programs
 Networking Opportunities Visibility and Media Opportunities Other: _____

Would you like to participate in chapter or national volunteer projects? Chapter Level National Level

Please indicate your top two primary areas of interest for volunteer projects: Advocacy Board/Committee Service Event Planning
 Membership Programs Mentoring

Referred by: _____ (Please indicate the person or organization who referred you to NAWBO)

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

- NAWBO Membership is open to individual business owners who own an equity interest and actively participate as a sole proprietor; an active partner of a partnership or active member of a limited liability company; and independent contractor; or individual owners of 5 percent or more of the stock of a corporation and who are involved in policy-making and day-to-day management of the corporation.
- Members must join both the national organization and a local chapter. NAWBO has chapters in most metropolitan areas. If there is a chapter within 45 miles of your home or business location, you must become a member of that chapter. If there is not a chapter in your area, you can join NAWBO as an At-Large member.
- A NAWBO membership is recorded in the name of the individual, not the organization.
- A new member's join date is the first day of the month NAWBO National receives payment.
- Membership dues are nonrefundable and are subject to change. A member may submit a written resignation to rescind their membership, but no portion of dues will be refunded.

Student Member* (Non-Voting Member)

An individual who is a student registered full-time at a school or university, who subscribes to the objective of NAWBO and has interest in a future in entrepreneurship. This category is NOT available online; and any application submitted to the National office without chapter approval will be denied.

Emerging Business Owner (Non-Voting Member)

For a new business owner (in business for two years or less). A non-voting category limited to two years, members receive all communications and publications, are eligible for all discounts and benefits, and are listed in the online member directory.

Established Business Owner (Voting Member)

For a business owner who has been in business for more than two years. A regular voting category, members receive all communications and publications, are eligible for all discounts and benefits, and are listed in the online member directory. Chapter membership is automatic for those whose businesses are located in a chapter area. To qualify for membership, members must own a percentage of their company.

Retired Member* (Non-Voting Member)

Shall be an individual who was a Chapter or At-Large member of NAWBO for at least five (5) years and has sold, divested their interest, or is no longer operating their business. A member in this classification is non-voting. This category is not available online.

Sustaining Member (Voting Member)

A business owner as defined in the NAWBO Policies and Procedures and is a Chapter member or an At-Large Member who wishes to support the organization in a larger monetary way and gain additional benefits. A member in this classification has one (1) vote.

At-Large Member (Voting Member)

A business owner whose business and residence are not located within a Chapter's organization territory. A member in this classification has one (1) vote and is under the supervision of NAWBO. All voting members must belong to a chapter of NAWBO if one exists in their area.

Supporting Member* (Non-Voting Member)

An individual who subscribes to the objectives of NAWBO and wishes to lend support to NAWBO through membership. Supporting Membership requests must be submitted directly to their respective chapter for approval. This category is NOT available online; and any application submitted to the National office without chapter approval will be denied.

*Membership applications for Support, Student, and Retired categories must be submitted to your local chapter for preapproval.

Requirements for NAWBO® Buffalo Niagara Membership - By Category

At-Large Member (Voting Member)

- Business and residence are located outside of a Chapter's organization territory (45 mile radius)
- Individual, partner or stockholder who exercises the power to make policy decisions and is actively involved in the day-to-day management of the firm
- Subscribes to the mission and vision of NAWBO
- Files a schedule C or F, receives IRS Tax Form 1099 from client(s), or files corporate or partnership tax returns
- Maintains an office (including home offices) or a business facility

Established Business Owner (Voting Member)

- Owns an equity interest and actively participates in a business as a sole proprietor, an active partner of a partnership or active member of a limited liability company, an independent contractor, or a 5% or greater shareholder in a corporation
- Subscribes to the mission and vision of NAWBO
- Files a schedule C or F, receives IRS Tax Form 1099 from client(s), or files corporate or partnership tax returns
- Maintains an office (including home offices) or a business facility
- Is involved in the policy-making process and overall day-to-day management of the business
- Has been a business owner for more than two (2) years

Emerging Business Owner (Non-Voting Member)

- A first time business owner with a new business less than two (2) years old, or who has not yet started her business

Sustaining Member (Voting Member)

- Owns an equity interest and actively participates in a business as a sole proprietor, an active partner of a partnership or active member of a limited liability company, an independent contractor, or a 5% or greater shareholder in a corporation
- Subscribes to the mission and vision of NAWBO
- Files a schedule C or F, receives IRS Tax Form 1099 from client(s), or files corporate or partnership tax returns
- Maintains an office (including home offices) or a business facility
- Is involved in the policy-making process and overall day-to-day management of the business
- Has been a business owner for more than two (2) years
- Wishes to support the organization in a larger monetary way

Supporting Member (Non-Voting Member)

- A non-business owner who subscribes to the objectives of NAWBO and wish to lend support to NAWBO through membership
- Only paper applications are accepted for Supporting Membership and require chapter approval for acceptance; contact your local chapter to apply as a Supporting Member
- This category is not available through the online application

Student Member (Non-Voting Member)

- An individual who is registered full time at a school or university who subscribes to the objectives of NAWBO and intends to start a business
- Proof of full-time student status is required
- Only paper applications with proof of full-time status are accepted for Student Membership
- This category is not available through the online application

IMPORTANT: PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR ONE OF THE VOTING MEMBER CATEGORIES. RETURN THE FORM WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

**NAWBO® Buffalo Niagara
DISCLOSURE AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF _____) SS:

The undersigned, being duly sworn, says:

I subscribe to the mission and vision of NAWBO as follows:

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) propels women entrepreneurs into economic, social and political spheres of power worldwide by:

1. Strengthening the wealth creating capacity of our members and promoting economic development within the entrepreneurial community
2. Creating innovative and effective change in the business culture
3. Building strategic alliances, coalitions and affiliations
4. Transforming public policy and influencing opinion makers

The name of my business is: _____

The type of ownership is: *(Please select current ownership type and provide supporting documentation*)*

<p>Sole Proprietorship Date Established _____ Certificate of Trade Name on file in _____ County</p>	<p>Partnership Business Date Established _____ Certificate for Partners on file in _____ County</p>
<p>Corporation Date Established _____ Certificate of Incorporation on file in _____ State</p>	<p>LLC or LLP Date Established _____ Articles of Organization on file in _____ State</p>

If the firm is a corporation or LLC:

- a. Number of shareholders or Members: _____
- b. Number of shares or membership interests issued: _____
- c. Number of shares or percentage of membership interest you own: _____
- d. Date shares or Membership interests were issued to you _____

Signature of Business Owner

Print Business Owner's Name

Sworn to before me this _____
day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

If the firm is a partnership or LLP:

- a. Number of partners: _____
- b. Percentage of your ownership _____
- c. Date of your ownership _____

***Forms of Acceptable Supporting Documentation:**
Sole proprietorship – copy of d/b/a on file, or copy of Schedule C or F from last year's tax return with all sensitive information blocked out, or copy of IRS tax form 1099;
Partnership or LLP – copy of partnership agreement, certificate of partnership on file with the county, or tax return;
Corporation or LLC – copy of Certificate of Incorporation or filing receipt with Department of State, and either a copy of shareholder agreement, issued shares, and/or annual corporate minutes indicating names and number of shareholders, or tax return

Please white out all financial, proprietary, private or sensitive information that may be contained on your supporting document(s). This includes revenue, federal ID number, social security number, etc.