

Application for Ownership

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Individual Ownershare:

- Full \$100 equity investment
- Installment Plan: five \$20 monthly installments

Limited Income Ownershare*:

- Full \$25 equity investment
- Installment Plan: five \$5 monthly installments

(*Qualification includes current enrollment in SNAP, Section 8, SSI, Disability, Medicaid or other proof Federal Poverty Level)

Business Ownershare:

- Full \$100 equity investment

Business Name: _____

Voting Delegate: _____

Equity Builder Donation: In addition to my equity Investment, I would like to further support our Co-op by including a donation of \$_____.

I hereby apply for ownership in the New Orleans Food Co-op. Owner equity is always at risk and potentially not available for refund. Refund requests will only be fulfilled when the Board and GM determine it is financially prudent to do so. As an Owner-Member, I agree to abide by the bylaws and the policies of the New Orleans Food Co-op. I understand that in order to be eligible for owner benefits including voting, I must keep my ownershare current by maintaining the current equity investment amount and upholding any investment payment plans I have agreed to.

Signature

Date

Mail this application & your payment to:

*New Orleans Food Co-op
2372 St. Claude, Suite 110
New Orleans, LA 70117*

Or join online at: www.nolafood.coop

Further questions? Send an e-mail to ownership@nolafood.coop or call us at 504-264-5579

Benefits of NOFC Ownership

As a member of NOFC you're making an investment and becoming an owner of our community Co-op. There are many benefits of supporting our Co-op through ownership, including:

- A share in the profit through patronage refunds (as determined by our Board of Directors).
- A vote in Board Member elections and on special issues.
- Eligibility to run for a seat on our Board of Directors.
- Having a store—perhaps the biggest benefit!
- Special member-only discounts and coupons including 10% off each Owner Appreciation Day (currently the 3rd Thursday of every month).
- Discounts from businesses in our Supporting Business Program (visit the store for more info).
- Opportunity to become a “Hand-On-Owner”, working in the store and earning a 15% discount on purchases.
- The pride that comes from joining together with friends & neighbors to make a positive impact on our community through joint ownership of our Co-op. The Co-op gives each owner a chance to help build a business that brings integrity into the marketplace, that is responsive to consumers' interests and is owned and controlled by its community.
- Supporting our Co-op keeps more dollars flowing to local farms and businesses, which keeps more dollars in our communities and the region.

When in the store be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter to receive alerts about upcoming events, classes, helpful tips and important information such as food recalls.



Invest
in co-op
ownership!

fresh local good
community-owned

Open 9 am – 9 pm daily
in the New Orleans Healing Center at
the corner of St. Claude at St. Roch

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What is a cooperative?

A Co-op is an independent group of people united to meet their common economic, social & cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly owned & democratically controlled enterprise.

The “Seven International Cooperative Principles” are guide- lines by which Co-ops worldwide put their values into practice.

1. **Voluntary and open membership**
2. **Democratic member control**
3. **Member economic participation**
4. **Autonomy and independence**
5. **Education, training, and information**
6. **Cooperation among cooperatives**
7. **Concern for community**

Why should I invest?

Ownership is the foundation of a healthy Co-op that will serve our community for generations to come. Your investment is vitally important to the success of your store. Thank you for helping make this vision a reality! Be sure to check out the other side of this brochure for a list of benefits of investment.

Our Mission

To operate a community-owned grocery store that:

- Provides access to healthy food at a fair price
- Is a center of community activity
- Promotes local and regional food production
- Keeps capital and jobs in our community
- Practices environmental responsibility and sustainability
- Reflects our unique and diverse community

That’s Good Food! We offer...

- Fresh, wholesome, & minimally processed foods, including fresh produce, dairy, & meat.
- Local & regionally produced foods.
What is local? Products grown or produced in the State of Louisiana, or within 250 miles of New Orleans.
- Organic & sustainably produced foods.
- Fair Trade products including chocolate, coffee & tea.
- Minimally packaged items including a wide selection of bulk foods
- Vitamins, supplements, and bath & body
- Other goods to meet our community’s needs.

Sign me up as an Owner -Member!

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____

E-Mail _____

Preferred contact method
____e-mail ____phone ____mail

How did you hear about the NOFC?

Are you interested in volunteering?
 yes no

Do you produce a product that would be of interest to the NOFC?

If yes, what: _____

Staff Use Only
Owner Number: _____
Proof of Low Income: _____
Transaction Staff Initials: _____
Transaction Date: _____
Processing Date: _____
Civi: ____ Fannie: ____ Mail System: ____
Processing Staff Initials: _____



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