

Membership Policy

Eat Local Grey Bruce

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Any consumer, producer or corporation which supports the Purpose, Objectives and By-laws of ELGB may apply to become a member.

Classes of Membership

Consumer Members:

Any individual (16 years of age or older), or family household who supports the Purpose, Objectives and By-Laws, fills out a membership application form and pays their yearly membership in full as determined by the Board of Directors.

Producer Members:

- a) Producer members must be 16 years of age or older, fill out a membership application
- b) form and pay the yearly membership fee in full as determined by the Board of Directors.
- c) Producer Memberships are available to producers that supply and sell through ELGB,
- d) maintain a good relationship with the co-operative, have transparent production methods, and
- e) support the ELGB mission statement/purpose.
- f) All local producers, as defined by the ELGB Bylaws, must purchase a membership in order to sell their product through the co-operative. Producers located outside the local range, as defined by the ELGB Bylaws, are not obligated to buy a membership in order to sell their product through the co-operative, but membership is encouraged. Any local producer who is unwilling to purchase a valid membership, will be replaced by another producer of the same type, quality,
- g) quantity and value of product if available.

Wholesale Producer Members:

- a) Wholesale producer members must be 16 years of age or older and fill out a membership application form.
- b) Wholesale producer memberships are available to wholesale producers that supply and sell through ELGB, maintain a good relationship with the co-operative, have transparent production methods, and support the ELGB mission statement/purpose.
- c) Wholesale producer members are not required to pay the membership fee but must be able to sell product to ELGB at a wholesale price. The quantity of product available and wholesale price must be reflective of a large scale producer. Wholesale producer memberships will be evaluated individually by the Board of Directors.

Corporate Members:

- a) Wholesale producer members must be 16 years of age or older fill our an application form and pay the yearly membership fee as determined by the Board of Directors.
- b) Corporate memberships are available to businesses who want to buy products from ELGB at a larger scale than household consumption.

Benefits of Memberships

Benefits to All Members:

- a) One (1) vote at the Annual General Meeting and member meetings
- b) An open invitation to Board of Director Meetings
- c) Opportunity to get involved on a project or committee
- d) Convenient access to great quality, healthy, sustainable local food
- e) Support local farmers and businesses
- f) Own your own grocery store
- g) G) Build a robust and sustainable regional food system.

Producer Member Specific Benefits:

- a) Able to sell products through ELGB
- b) Listing on our website as a producer member
- c) Third party delivery services

Requirements of Membership:

All members must have a valid membership, paid in full.

Voting rights of Memberships:

One (1) membership = one (1) vote

Terms of Membership:

1 year Memberships: Valid for one calendar year, based on the month purchased and valid to the end of the 12 months.

The board of directors reserves the right to withdraw membership from any member, should it be deemed necessary by a vote from the board. The vote would require that 50 percent plus one of the Directors vote to withdraw the membership in question.