

To Prospective Co-op Members:

When you join the Co-op, you not only become a member, you become an important part of a vibrant community. As a member, you may purchase goods at wholesale prices from United Foods Distributor, Frontier Natural Products, local vendors and farmers, fair trade vendors, and other suppliers. Ordering is easy and done from the comfort of your own home with our on-line ordering system. You also have a Co-op job you are expected to perform once a month in a timely fashion. And importantly, you will meet many interesting people, some of whom may become life-long friends.

Co-op life has such broad appeal that we have a long waiting list. It may be months or years from the time when you mail in your application to the time when we are able to offer you a membership. We keep the size of our co-op limited to preserve the sense of community and to keep everyone's job within comfortable limits. We hope that another co-op like ours will form, and if that happens, we will contact you to share that information.

We invite applicants to visit our site during our monthly work & pick-up days to fully understand how the Co-op works. During those times you are welcome to shop in our "Extras" store, and pay just 10% above wholesale. Once you become a member, you will pay just 2% above wholesale prices. This extra fee covers our costs of operations. There is a one-time non-refundable new member fee of \$38 when you join the co-op. You must also make a refundable \$50 deposit, which will be returned should you leave the co-op. Because it may be a very long time before you are offered membership, please do not send a check with your application.

To find out more about the Co-op, please contact our Membership Coordinator at membership@TBCoop.org.

Thank you for your interest in TBC!

Triad Buying Co-op: Application for Membership

Triad Buying Co-op is not only about buying great food at great prices. We support sustainable local agriculture and organic growers whenever possible. We are a diverse, tolerant community that works together for common good.

By submitting this application, you are requesting entry into the Co-op. You will be placed on a waiting list and it may be months or years before we are able to offer you membership.

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

City & Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

(You must have internet access.)

Job Placement - Check all that apply:

- Put me wherever you need me, my schedule is flexible.
- I am available as indicated on the chart to the right.
- I own or have access to a truck, van or car with carrying capacity.
- I am good with numbers and comfortable with a calculator.
- I am trained and comfortable working with web site maintenance.
- I can write computer programming in C computer language.
- I am trained in graphic design & layout.
- I need a job I can do at home.
(checking this option may delay your membership, since these jobs are scarce)
- Other experience/skills: _____

Work Hours:

Please check all the hours you are available to work.

<u>Wednesdays</u>	<u>Thursdays</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8 am
<input type="checkbox"/> 8-9 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 8-9 am
<input type="checkbox"/> 9-10 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 9-10 am
<input type="checkbox"/> 10-11 am	<input type="checkbox"/> 10-11 am
<input type="checkbox"/> 11-12 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-12 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 12-1 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 12-1 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-5 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-6 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-6 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> 6-7 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7-8 pm	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8-9 pm	

Job Constraints - Check all that apply:

- I cannot lift
- I cannot bend
- I cannot write
- I am visually impaired (besides eye glasses)
- Other: explain: _____

Have you been a member of TBC before: no yes

Have you been a member of another co-op: no yes, please list:

How did you hear about TBC: _____

I understand that when I am offered a membership in the co-op, prior to joining I must pay a \$38 non-refundable new member fee. I also understand that I must pay a refundable \$50 deposit, which will be returned should I leave the co-op. (This fee may be paid in two installments over the first two months, if necessary.) I understand that I will pay wholesale prices for my purchases, plus state sales tax and a 2% co-op fee. I am aware that TBC reserves the right to charge an annual membership fee and to change the co-op fee. I understand that I must work a minimum of three hours a month and that it is important for me to show up on time for my job each and every month.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

Please mail this application to:

Kim Brand, 2170 Faculty Drive, Winston-Salem NC 27106

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