



BC Food Systems Network Membership Application

(See reverse side for instructions)

Name: _____

Full mailing address (including postal code): _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Organizational affiliation(s), if applicable: _____

Your role in the organization(s): _____

If this is an organizational membership, how large is the organization/network? _____

Your involvement in community food security: _____

I support the mission and principles of the BC Food Systems Network.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

How to apply for membership

1. Read our mission statement and principles below.
2. If you agree with our mission and principles, fill out the first page of this form. (Please print neatly.) Be sure to sign and date the form.
3. Attach payment (see below for the amount of dues). Please make all cheques or money orders payable to BCFSN.
4. Mail this application to BC Food Systems Network, c/o PO Box 684, Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

Annual dues (please check the one which applies)

- Fixed income: \$5 to \$20
- Individual: \$30
- Professional: \$50
- NGO, small group, non-profit, farm: \$50 - \$100
- Large group, government, private sector, industry: \$250 - \$500
- Sustaining member: \$500+

Our mission: The BC Food Systems Network is working to create a healthy, just and sustainable food system in BC by supporting the development of individual and organizational capacity, supporting the growth and strengthening of connections and advancing policy change.

Our principles

1. Food security requires a sustainable food system in which:
 - a. Everyone is able to acquire, in a dignified manner, adequate quantity and quality of personally acceptable food;
 - b. People are able to earn a living wage by growing, producing, processing, handling, retailing and serving food;
 - c. The quality of land, air and water, the well-being of animals, and the integrity of plants and seeds are maintained and enhanced for future generations; and
 - d. Food is recognized as the basis of health and celebrated as central to family, community and cultural integrity.
2. We recognize that food is essential to life and is therefore a human right. It is also a gift from the Creator so that both the food and its sources must be honoured.
3. We encourage initiatives to reclaim local ownership of community food systems and develop food self-reliance by sharing food, information, skills, and resources.
4. We develop and advocate policies to redesign food and related systems that contribute to hunger or are unsustainable. This includes food production, processing, transport or retail; it also includes health, welfare, education, institutions, economics, and trade.
5. We work to ensure that the voices of grassroots organizations and marginalized groups are heard in the process of policy formation at all levels.
6. Our network therefore includes people who experience hunger and food insecurity, who produce food, who work to protect the environment, and who develop policy frameworks that foster food security for the whole population. We link provincially, nationally and internationally with organizations and networks committed to the same goals.