

After enjoying real community growth and improvements in 2015, our Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to report it has plans to enjoy continued success throughout this coming year!

The Chamber depends on businesses and organizations like you, so please help contribute to the future of the Ashland area.

Your involvement as a Chamber member not only can help improve our community, but your membership can also help expand your business opportunities! If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the current board members listed below:

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Respectfully,

Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



Organization Vision and Benefits

The Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce is focused on developing, promoting and protecting the Ashland business community.

Our goal is to help businesses, like yours, to grow and prosper through a combination of initiatives, including:

- Providing educational opportunities, free or discounted, to Chamber members
- Encouraging Ashland-area residents to buy locally
- Increasing revenue from tourism (e.g., attracting group tours, working closer with surrounding tourist attractions, keeping our brochures current)
- Advertising in magazines, newspapers, radio and other venues
- Marketing at regional events and through our website
- Promoting positive feature stories from news media
- Applying for grants to fund development and tourism activities
- Ensuring the Chamber membership is better informed

Your membership is critical to keep our Chamber strong and financially able to serve the business community.

We believe the Chamber is one of the most important local organizations your business can join. Benefits for your business include:

- Listing on the printed "Business Directory," which is distributed throughout Ashland and surrounding areas
- Visibility on the Chamber website at www.ashland-ne.com
- Business referrals from inquiries to the Chamber phone number and website
- Joint marketing and advertising opportunities
- Networking with other business owners and leaders
- Keeping informed of local issues that may affect your business
- Ability to accept "Chamber Bucks" at your business
- Sponsorship of Ashland community events (e.g., Stir-Up, Fall Festival, Hometown Christmas, Teacher Appreciation)

Please complete the attached membership form and submit it with your payment. Be sure to specify a current <u>email address</u> on the membership form so we can notify you of upcoming events.

We look forward to having your organization as a member for 2016!



2016 Annual Membership Dues

Membership Dues Structure **Businesses and Non-Profits with Employees:** a. 1-4 full-time employees.....\$85 Note: Dues are based on your organization's b. 5-9 full-time employees......\$135 classification and number of employees. c. 10-14 full-time employees......\$235 **Employee Counts:** d. 15-25 full-time employees.....\$285 Full-time _____ e. 26+ full-time employees......\$335 (2 part-time employees = 1 full-time employee) Part-time _____ Other: 2016 Membership Dues: f. Full-time business with no employees......\$75 Donation to Fireworks Fund: g. Part-time business (less than 20 hrs/wk)......\$55 **Total Amount:** h. Non-profit organization with no employees.....\$35 i. Individual (no business connection)......\$25 Please specify the following information for your organization. This information will be published in the Ashland Business Directory.

Member Na	me:	
Address:		
Contact Nan	me:	
Phone:		
Cell Phone:		
Email:		
Web Site:		
		
Please select <i>one or more</i> comm	-	_
Membership	Marketing / Advertising	
Networking Events Fall Festival	Easter Egg Hunt Teacher Breakfast	Stir-Up Hometown Christmas
Economic Development		Hometown Christinas
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Please mail this form and payment to: Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 5, Ashland, NE 68003