



Benefits of Your Chamber Membership

Referrals

The hundreds of people who contact the Chamber each month through phone calls, emails, online inquiries and walk-ins for referrals are given the names of Chamber members only. If you are a Chamber member, you are referred. The online membership directory receives over 14,000 hits every month!

Networking Opportunities

Each month, the Chamber gives you the chance to meet other members of our business community at different functions like Connecting Over Coffee, Ribbon Cuttings and Business After Hours, Good Morning Macon and other events. During these events, you will have the opportunity to meet many new people from the business community as well as community leaders you would like to reach.

Advocacy Efforts

The Chamber tracks local, state and federal issues that affect our members. The Chamber advocates for the business viewpoint to all levels of government so that public policy decisions lead to a healthy business climate and better quality of life.

Keeping You Informed

Your Chamber is your link to what is going on, in and around Macon. Through workshops, webinars, email updates and newsletters, we get you the information you need to succeed. The Chamber works to create business and education partnerships to provide business training, educational seminars and informational events.

Advertising Your Business

Your business name is published in our online Business Directory at www.maconchamber.com. In the online directory, there is a direct link to your website, your Facebook page, Twitter, LinkedIn and more... Directions to your business is also included.

Professional Development

Increase your company's edge by taking advantage of our Professional Development opportunities and webinars throughout the year, including programs like Leadership Macon and the Ambassadors Program. Be a Business/Education partner and have a direct impact on our schools and your future workforce. The Chamber has partnered with Macon-Bibb County Board of Education to provide training opportunities taught by industry professionals.

Promote Your Business

Promote your business by sponsoring one of our many events held throughout the year. There are many sponsorship opportunities to choose from. We will be more than happy to assist you in finding the best sponsorship suited for your business.

(See Additional Benefits on the other side)

Additional Benefits

Health Insurance Discount – Georgia Chamber

SMART Plan – This plan was launched as a comprehensive health program offered to small businesses with 50 or less employees that are members of the Chamber or are a part of the Chamber Federation. Administered through Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the plan allows smaller employers to join together and share in the overall claims risk. Check with your local broker to determine your eligibility and pricing.

Drugs Don't Work – This program is designed to assist businesses in developing a drug-free workplace. GA employers certified by the State Board of Workers' Compensation as having a drug-free workplace are entitled to a 7.5% discount on their workers' compensation premiums.

***Room Rental Discount** – We have two rooms available for rent Monday through Friday depending upon availability of rooms at a very discounted rate. One of the rooms will accommodate up to 70 people and is equipped for AV presentation.

Mailing Labels – As a member, you may purchase a mailing list of members. This information includes company name, main contact and mailing address. The cost is \$25. You must be a member to take advantage of this opportunity.

Add the Chamber Logo to Your Website – One of the benefits of membership is to demonstrate your commitment to the community by being a part of one of the most influential business organizations in the region. We encourage you to place the Chamber's logo  on your website to show that you are actively engaged in moving our community forward.

Chamber Directory – You have an online presence in our Business Directory. As a new member your first printed directory is **FREE**. The cost is \$25 for all others. Please allow 48 to 72 hours for preparation.

Coupons and Discounts – Members may post Coupons and Discounts on our website at no charge.

Relocation Packets – Whether you have a new employee or a family member moving to the area, the Chamber offers a relocation package that gives newcomers a comprehensive overview of living, working and playing in the Macon area. This packet is **FREE** if picked up or the cost of shipping and handling if mailed. Relocation info is also on our website.

*** Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening** – As a welcome to the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce we are happy to help you coordinate your Ribbon Cutting. Whether the ceremony is to mark the official opening of a newly constructed location/Grand Opening or a second location, we can assist you in making your event official.

Certificate of Origin – A certificate of origin is a document issued by an exporter that confirms and certifies the country of origin of its products. A certificate of origin may be added to a commercial invoice that supports the listing of the country of origin by line item. We can assist in certifying this document.

SCORE – Whether you are in the planning stages or are ready to take your business to the next level, SCORE is here to help you with free mentoring and low-cost training. SCORE Middle Georgia is a non-profit resource partner of the Small Business Administration. www.middlegeorgia.score.org

Macon Magazine One-year subscription – A one-year/6 magazines subscription to the main contact of your company. Subscription begins one month after joining the Chamber.

Georgia Trend Magazine Life-time Subscription – All contacts of your company that are listed with the Chamber will receive a GA Trend Magazine for as long as you are a member. Subscription begins one month after joining the Chamber.

Georgia Chamber - Federation Membership – Through the Georgia Chamber Federation, any business with 10 or fewer full-time employees who is a member of a participating local chamber will receive free Federation membership into the Georgia Chamber of Commerce. You will have access to the Georgia Human Resources Library, webinar series focused on small business education, savings tools for growth and tool to gain knowledge of the key legislative issues facing small businesses. To access these benefits, visit www.gachamber.com/federation.

* Presently due to COVID-19 some benefits are temporarily placed on hold or will be performed virtually until further notice. Please call us for more information.