



Membership Application

Part I - *Application process (Please read carefully)*

A prospective member may attend two meetings as a visitor. At the second meeting, prospective members may be assigned a sponsoring member. Prospective members must have a sponsor. Prospective members then complete this application and submit it with a check to the Membership Committee for review.

The Membership Committee completes the screening process and notifies the prospective member of acceptance or non-acceptance before the next meeting. The Membership Committee then notifies the President of acceptance or non-acceptance. The President announces the new member at the meeting following acceptance by the Membership Committee.

Part II - *(Please answer all questions completely)*

Date	
Applicant Name	
Company Name	
Business Address	
City, State, Zip	
Business Phone	Business Fax
Cellular Phone	Home Phone
E-mail Address	
Describe your product or service (be specific)	

Part III - *(Please answer all questions)*

Your personal experience in your present field/occupation (be specific)
Education background in present field/occupation or degrees, licenses or credentials required to perform in field/occupation

Part IV

Is the occupation under which you are applying a full or part-time occupation?
How long have you been with the company you represent?
Are you able and willing to make the commitment to arrive at the weekly meetings no later than 7:00 AM and stay until 8:30 AM, and are you willing to abide by the Greater Orlando Business Network bylaws, rules and procedures?
Is there an individual in your company who would be willing and able to attend meetings on your behalf, should you be unable to attend? If so, who?
What do you expect to be able to contribute to GOBN?
Describe your ability to bring qualified referrals and potential new members.
Do you belong to other business network organizations? If so, please list.

Part V - (Business References 1 & 2)

Name:
Position:
Business:
Phone:
Business Relationship:

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I have read and will abide by the General Policies of the Greater Orlando Business Network (GOBN).

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Fees

GOBN member dues are \$60.00 per month. Members, whose dues are current, are eligible for a \$15.00 discount by paying three months due in advance (\$165.00 for 3 months). There is a \$100.00 application fee. New applicants for membership are required to submit \$230.00 with their application to cover the application fee and first two months of membership dues, or \$280.00 which covers their first three months of membership dues. Fees are due on the first meeting of each month. A late fee of \$5.00 per week will be assessed on all unpaid accounts. Credit cards and checks are accepted. If dues are not paid within 30 days, membership may be terminated. Returned checks are subject to bank charges and dues will be considered late and fines will be imposed.



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GENERAL POLICIES

I. REPRESENTATION

Only one person from each profession is permitted to join. If any current member feels that a prospective new member conflicts with their profession or trade, it is the responsibility of that current member to notify a member of the membership committee of any potential conflict. This must be done before the membership committee meets to determine the eligibility of the prospective member.

1. Any member who desires to change their classification must get written approval from the Membership Committee for that classification change. If a conflict occurs in moving into a new classification, a member will not be allowed to make that change.
2. Only an individual can become a member. A company or organization does not have membership rights.

II. ETHICS

In the case of an attendance, payment or ethical problem with a member, the Membership Committee will establish a reasonable time period for the member to comply. If the member does not comply within that time period, the Membership Committee may revoke membership.

As a part of membership responsibilities, members are required to bring valid referrals and visitors to GOBN.

III. ATTENDANCE POLICY

It will be the responsibility of the vice president to track attendance and enforce the attendance policy.

All members are expected to attend all meetings. In the event that a member needs to miss more than one consecutive meeting, a LEAVE or ABSENCE may be granted for special circumstances. A leave must be pre-approved by notifying an officer of GOBN and will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Members are expected to arrange for a substitute if a meeting is to be missed. If this is done it will not be counted as an unexcused absence. A substitute can be another employee of your business or any person you so designate as long as they do not conflict with another member's category. An excused absence is defined as an unexpected illness, a family emergency or an accident that prevents a member from attending a meeting. A member may be allowed three unexcused absences within a six month period coinciding with the first or second six month period of the year.



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ATTENDANCE POLICY (Cont.)

If a member has an unexcused absence, they will be sent an attendance letter. If a member has a second unexcused absence during the term, a second attendance letter will be sent. If a member has a third unexcused absence during the term, a third attendance letter will be sent. If a member has a fourth unexcused absence during the term, the member's position will be open and the membership status may be terminated at the discretion of the membership committee. The membership committee is responsible to determine open positions and membership status.

IV. DUES

Membership dues are \$65.00/Month. Members whose dues are current are eligible for a \$15.00 discount by paying three months dues in advance (\$165.00 for the months). New applicants for membership are required to submit \$230.00 with their application to cover the application fee and first two months of membership or \$280.00 which covers their first three months. Fees are dues on the first meeting of each month. A late fee of \$5.00 per week will be assessed on all unpaid accounts. Checks may be given or mailed to the Treasurer. If dues are not paid within 30 days, membership may be terminated. Returned checks are subject to bank charges and will be considered late. Late fines will be imposed.