

# BECOME A CO-OP MEMBER-OWNER

Wolfeboro Community Food Cooperative is a full service, member-owned natural food store specializing in local, organic & natural foods and products and serving the people of Wolfeboro and the surrounding communities.

When you make an investment in Wolfeboro Community Food Co-op, you become part of something bigger: a group of consumers joining together to grow a business that meets their needs.



Photo: Donna Cleaves

In return, the Co-op makes this promise: We pledge to serve our community with quality products and honest information. Unlike most businesses that make decisions primarily to maximize profits, cooperatives make decisions to maximize service to their owners and the community.

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORTS:

- Family farms • Sustainable agriculture
- Nutrition education • Local employment
- Regional artisan food • Small-scale producers
- Environment stewardship • Community connections
- Local economy • Organic farming
- Healthy food access • Slowed urban sprawl
- Cooperative economy • Fair trade

## Joining is Easy

Becoming a member of Wolfeboro Community Food Co-op is quick and easy, and it's rewarding to know you are supporting the co-op you value.

- Fill out a member-owner application form
- Pay installments or pay in full
- Pay by mail, pay in-person OR
- Pay online at [www.wolfeborocoop.org](http://www.wolfeborocoop.org)

## The Benefits Are Great!

The Co-op is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our community by bringing fresh, natural foods to your table.

Additional member benefits include:

- Monthly member-only specials
- 15% discount on special-order case purchases
- Sales and Specials list e-mailed to you
- Patronage rewards during profitable times
- The right to vote for our Board of Directors as well as run for a seat on the board



Photo: Amy Piper

## MEMBER-OWNER APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please select a payment option:

- Payment in full, \$150
- Installments of \$50 for 3 consecutive months
- Membership Assistance – please contact us at [wolfeborofoodcoop@gmail.com](mailto:wolfeborofoodcoop@gmail.com)

Payment:

By CHECK to: Wolfeboro Community Food Co-op  
or by CREDIT CARD at: [www.wolfeborocoop.org](http://www.wolfeborocoop.org)  
on the BECOME A MEMBER page

A copy of the Wolfeboro Community Food Co-op  
Bylaws may be found at: [www.wolfeborocoop.org](http://www.wolfeborocoop.org)

Should any of the above information change, please  
email [wolfeborofoodcoop@gmail.com](mailto:wolfeborofoodcoop@gmail.com) with an update.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- I am interested in volunteer opportunities
- I agree to receive co-op ballots and official correspondence by e-mail.

Please send the application along with payment to:  
Wolfeboro Community Food Co-op  
P.O. Box 565  
Wolfeboro, NH 03894



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## Cooperative Principles

1. Voluntary & Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy & Independence
5. Education, Training & Information
6. Cooperation Among Co-ops
7. Concern for the Community

## Questions & Answers

### WHAT DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

The cost of a membership is \$150 and there is no annual fee.

### WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER?

Becoming a member is an investment in your community and in a sustainable future. Because you care about your food and how it is produced, it is important to support a local market that exists to serve your needs, provide a stable outlet for local farmers and grow the local economy.

Also, as a non-profit entity, the Co-op will continue to need new members to keep it vital and growing.

### WILL THE CO-OP COMPETE WITH LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS AND FARMSTANDS?

The co-op will strive to promote local farms and food producers, not compete with them. In addition to offering a year-round market for their goods, the co-op will work to establish ongoing relationships with local producers to ensure their success.

### WILL I NEED TO WORK AT THE CO-OP?

No. The Co-op will have a trained and knowledgeable staff to provide excellent service.

### DO I HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO SHOP?

No. Everyone is welcome to shop at the store.



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## COMMUNITY FOOD COOPERATIVE

Everyone Can Shop,  
Anyone Can Join...

