

# Your Chamber of Commerce – Your Advocate

**The Fort Wayne Black Chamber of Commerce** serves as an advocate for the creation, growth and general welfare of black businesses in Fort Wayne. The Chamber will promote the expansion of business opportunities on behalf of its membership through referrals, partnerships, seminars, technical assistance, and mentoring.

The Chamber's primary focus is on economic and business development, education and special projects, and your membership is a key component for success.

The Chamber's primary goals are to bring awareness and opportunities to the black business community.

How will these goals be accomplished?

- ❖ Workshops on business development.
- ❖ Workshops on how to do business with the government.
- ❖ Develop strategic partnerships on behalf of its members.
- ❖ Train & develop young entrepreneurs
- ❖ Provide Networking Opportunities

Fort Wayne Black Chamber of Commerce

## Membership Application

### Individual Membership

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Business Membership

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your phone number(s) and email listed in the directory? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Under what business category should your company be listed?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is your business minority owned? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Female \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Sole proprietorship \_\_\_ Partnership \_\_\_

Joint Venture \_\_\_ Corporation \_\_\_ LLC \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Product/Services Provided \_\_\_\_\_

### **Annual Fee Enclosed**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$100.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Business \$200.00

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Strong Voice, Clear Vision, Focused Leadership

# Our Mission/Vision/Business Objectives

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## Mission

The Fort Wayne Black Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit business organization providing members a strong voice, clear vision, and focused leadership to enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in our community.

## Strategic Plan Vision

- ❖ Continue to provide excellent and responsive service and communication with its members, board and the public.
- ❖ Strive to increase membership involvement in the programs and activities of the Chamber.
- ❖ Support positive economic development and business growth.
- ❖ Utilize membership investment funds and other revenue responsibly to achieve the mission, vision, and objectives of the Chamber.
- ❖ Align the operations of the Chamber with best business practices of general business to conduct activities with honesty, integrity, financial responsibility, and in accordance with the law.



## Business Objectives

- ❖ Annually survey the membership's satisfaction with Chamber involvement in economic development activities and provide an opportunity for assessment of Chamber leadership and /or support for additional involvement.
- ❖ Support business retention, expansion, and new business as well as recruitment through positive partnerships.
- ❖ Develop a "Workforce Development Plan" in cooperation with schools, colleges, other Chambers, economic development organizations, in order to assist businesses to find staff with the necessary skill and training to become employed or entrepreneurs.
- ❖ Provide opportunities for education on issues, workforce training, services, and programs to support local businesses.
- ❖ Annual small business recognition awards
- ❖ Annual new start up business with awards
- ❖ Annual success breakfast