

MEMBERSHIP AT THE VILLAGE STORE CO-OP

Located in Historic Hubbard Hall , 25 East Main St., Cambridge, NY 12816, (518) – 677 - 5731

ABOUT THE CO-OP

The Village Store Food Co-op opened in 1976. We are a New York State, not-for-profit corporation, member-owned and run. The Co-op is dedicated to serving members and the larger community with wholesome foods at reasonable prices. We share space with the Village Store, whose proceeds support Hubbard Hall projects. Everyone is welcome at the Co-op, both members and non-members. We rely entirely on members to cover the store each day, determine the regulations and rules, elect members of the Advisory Board and, in general, work toward the goals and principles expressed in our by-laws. The Co-op is working to support local food products and agriculture.

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are household memberships. Any non-households (schools, institutions etc.), should apply to the Board for special membership. Food purchased at discount price by working members is only for personal use. [Commercial membership is an exception – see below.]

WORKING MEMBERS

A \$20.00 deposit, refundable on departure in good standing. Working members receive a 20% discount on purchases at the Co-op. The discount takes effect as soon as a new member completes one in-store training session. Pre-ordered goods are available from selected suppliers and may be ordered according to pre-order guidelines.

SINGLE WORKING MEMBERS

One 3 and ¾ hour shift must be worked each month per household. Pre-orders are at 15% above wholesale (taxable pre-orders have a 30% mark up).

DOUBLE WORKING MEMBERS

Two 3 and ¾ hour shifts must be worked each month per household. Pre-orders are 5% above wholesale (taxable pre-orders have a 20% mark up).

SUPPORTING MEMBER

A \$15.00 annual fee. No work required. Supporting members can pre-order items at 35%, with a 40% mark up for taxable items. There is no “over the counter” discount. Senior citizen Supporting Members’ annual fee is \$5.00.

SENIOR CITIZEN WORKING MEMBER

A \$5.00 deposit. All the same requirements and discounts as the working member categories. Flexible schedules can be worked out to meet special need.

COMMERCIAL MEMBER

A \$35.00 annual fee. No work required. Commercial members can pre-order at 40% above wholesale but there is no “over the counter” discount.

WORK + TRAINING = RESPONSIBILITY

New members should sign up immediately for two training sessions to introduce themselves to Co-op operations. The new member should contact the Co-op managers to arrange an appointment for the first training session – a one-on-one session to introduce Co-op products and procedures. The second training session is a regular 3 and ¾ hour shift worked during the same month. Double working members should also work an extra 3 and ¾ hour shift the first month and then 2 shifts each month thereafter. Members sign up for shifts on a master calendar posted in the Co-op and must record each shift worked on the member’s card on file. Prime responsibility for late cancellation of a shift is on the member, who must find a replacement and notify the managers.

Members are encouraged to attend the October and January membership meetings and any special meetings that may be called. The Advisory Board welcomes participation of members at its monthly meetings (except when hiring). Meeting notices are posted on the bulleting board.

DEPARTURE IN GOOD STANDING

Deposits are refunded to members leaving in good standing, which means leaving after a minimum of six months, having worked all the required shifts.

SHIFT HOURS

9:45am to 1:30pm & 1:30pm to 5:15pm Mon-Sat., with an extra shift 5:00pm to 8:15pm on Thursdays.

There is also a Sunday shift, 11:00pm to 2:00 pm, during December holidays and the Farmers’ Market season.