

TOP TEN REASONS TO JOIN THE MONROE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. The networking and new business contacts gained will help your business grow.
2. You are making a statement that you are committed to the future of Monroe County.
3. You are able to participate in the decisions that will affect your community's future.
4. Promotion of your business with our assistance with grand openings, receptions, business referrals, a mailing list for sales promotions, your business' link on our webpage, and brochure displays in Chamber offices, and opportunities for exclusive event sponsorships, recognition, & publicity.
5. Learning opportunities, business topic lunches, and educational seminars to help you and your employees be better informed.
6. You are supporting a better quality of life for all our citizens by helping Monroe County retain the existing job base and attract new jobs.
7. Chamber member only referrals that increase your bottom line.
8. Publicity, name recognition, and networking opportunities, so customers know who you are
9. Be the first to know, concerning the local economy, community events, and industry and business announcements.
10. You are supporting the local economic development organization devoted to creating and maintaining a strong local economy.

MONROE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION STATEMENT

The Monroe County Chamber of Commerce was created to utilize the cooperative efforts of the public and private sectors in order to improve the economic welfare and to create a higher quality of life for the residents of Monroe County and surrounding areas.

MONROE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BUSINESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____

CONTACT: _____

E-MAIL: _____

WEBSITE _____

COMMENTS: _____

\$ _____ ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
INVESTMENT

<u>Licensed Professionals</u>	\$150 Base Rate	
	\$100 X ea. Professional Associate	
<u>Financial Institutions</u>	\$30 per Million dollars	
	Deposits (Minimum \$500 Investment)	
<u>Family Farms & Non-profit Organizations</u>	\$100	
<u>Individual</u>	\$50	
<u>Manufacturing/Processing</u>	\$250	1-49 employees
<u>Distribution</u>	\$500	50-249 employees
	\$1000	250-1000
		(+1.00 per employee over 1000)
<u>General Business</u>	\$100	1-5 employees
	\$150	6-10 employees
	\$250	11-24 employees
	\$500	25-100 employees
		(+5.00 per employee over 100)
<u>Out of County Business</u>		
<u>General, Retail, Professional</u>	\$150	
<u>Manufacturing/Warehousing</u>	\$250	

**PLEASE MAIL MEMBERSHIP FORMS/PAYMENTS
TO: P.O. BOX 727, ABERDEEN, MS 39730**



MONROE COUNTY
Chamber of Commerce



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Website: www.gomonroe.org**

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & SERVICES OFFERED BY THE MONROE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tax deductible - Your membership investment into the Chamber of Commerce is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a "business expense" and is total-ly deductible

Facebook - Want to reach more people in a fast effi- cient manner? As a member, we can help you get the word out about your business through daily facebook posts. This is a great way to reach hundreds of people at just a click of the mouse.

Friday Happenings E-Blast - As a member, you can have your upcoming event or sale featured in a bright, colorful newsletter that is then emailed to all members, as well as to other members of the community and surrounding areas.

Monday Moments Newsletter - All members receive the Chamber's bimonthly email newsletter that keeps you abreast of community and Chamber events and happenings, as well as all the latest economic develop- ment news for the county.

Special Event Promotion - If you are planning any type of special event for your business such as a busi- ness open house, employee retirement reception, business anniversary date, business after hours, etc., the Chamber staff will be very happy to provide you with a mailing label list of all Chamber members.

FREE Mailing Labels - For marketing your business to all Chamber members.

Grand Openings & Ribbon Cuttings - If you are a new business or you have a new product line or loca- tion, the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors will conduct a grand opening or ribbon cutting for you. Ambassadors are volunteers from different businesses in the area who serve as the public relations arm of the Chamber of Commerce.

Business Referrals - The Chamber of Commerce office receives many, many calls requesting recom- mendations for businesses or services in our area - **we recommend our Chamber members!**

Membership Directory Listing - When you join the Chamber of Commerce, you are automatically listed in our Membership Directory. Newcomers to the communi- ty, industrial prospects and other Chamber members utilize this directory when looking for reputable companies to conduct business with.

Brochure Display - Your Chamber maintains a bro- chure rack at each Chamber office location. You are always welcome to bring a supply of your brochures and business cards that we will keep on display for you.

Chamber Luncheons - Chamber luncheons are offered on community interest topics including: Business Top- ics, Legislative Updates, City and County, Government, and Education issues, and a variety of community inter- est topics. Join us for these very informative updates, ask questions and stay abreast of what's happening in your community.

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Exclusive Sponsorships, Recognition, & Publicity - If you provide a service or a product for a specific Chamber event or function you will receive inclusion in event publicity and verbal recognition for doing so. Op- portunities include governmental and state receptions, annual meetings, quarterly luncheons, and business after hours, etc.

Advocate for Business - Representation of the busi- ness community in partnership with government officials to promote economic development The Chamber serves as an advisor to local government entities on numerous community issues and projects; and spon- sors networking meetings such as the Council of Gov- ernments, with city, county, state officials, businesses, economic development partners, and industry leaders.

Community Image Publication - Your Chamber of Commerce endorses the full color publication that is published by the Monroe Journal & Journal Publishing that highlights organizations, and addresses livability and quality of life issues in our community. It is distrib- uted free of charge, through most of our retail store lo- cations. This publication provides an excellent advertis- ing opportunity. As a Chamber of Commerce member, you are encouraged to advertise in this publication. It creates visibility for your business, enhances your credi- bility and establishes your business identity.

Internet Visibility - Our website receives over 10,000 visitors, annually. The Chamber's Membership Directory is published on our website. If you have a website for your business, we offer a free hyperlink to your business website.

Membership Plaques -As a Chamber member, you are given a membership plaque to display in your business. This shows your customers that you are involved and supportive of your community and that you are a Cham- ber of Commerce member in good standing.

Information Source - We maintain information lists and a very detailed listing of websites that should contain just about any type of information that you might be looking for. Examples include community demographics, area phone directories, a list of organizations, contact infor- mation for all levels of government officials, local and state maps, major employer industrial directories, statisti- cal information, FEMA flood maps, and census infor- mation. If we don't have the information that you are looking for we can tell you where to find it, the organiza- tion name and/or internet address.

Relocation Packages - Your Chamber of Commerce endorses the relocation and visitor packages that are sent out by the Aberdeen Visitor's Bureau and the Amory Main St. organizations. These packages usually include cultural attractions, community information, school listings and much more. These are mailed upon request or picked up by newcomers, as well as visitors to the area.

Business Development Resource - We maintain infor- mation and can research information on local available industrial sites and buildings, business locations, de- mographics, traffic counts, labor statistics, and wage & benefits statistics.

Networking Opportunities - Your Chamber affords you many opportunities of interaction in the community that will help you build your customer base by developing friendships and relationships that could last a lifetime.

