



MEMBERSHIP DUES AND BENEFITS

Farm Alliance of Baltimore, 2021

FARM MEMBERSHIP:

Farms are defined as agricultural operations that produce >\$2000 worth of farm products for sale or donation annually. Membership is renewed and members must pay and sign the membership agreement annually.

New member applications are reviewed annually by the Membership Committee of farmers and site visits are required before acceptance. New members are generally welcomed at the February all-member meeting each year.

Dues:

- Farms belonging to nonprofits, companies, or institutions where the parent organization has an endowment or has operating budget >\$1M/year: \$400 for 2021.
- Farms belonging to nonprofits, companies, or institutions without endowments or with a parent operating budget between \$300K and \$1M/yr: \$300 for 2021
- Farms belonging to nonprofits or institutions with operating budgets greater than \$100K but less than \$300K: \$200 for 2021.
- Farms that are solely owned or family-owned with operating budgets less than \$100K: \$150 for 2021.

The Farm Alliance provides:

- Access to our market program (including the Waverly Farmers Market) our Double Dollars incentive program, access to seedling production either through use of our greenhouse or local organic contract growers.
- Free soil tests and one-on-one soil coaching as available.
- One-on-one member support for farm infrastructure and technical issues from Farm Alliance staff. Referrals to Extension, NRCS, MDA, and other farm support agencies as needed.
- Access to our tool, book, and seed libraries.
- Scholarships to farming and sustainability conferences.
- Annual convenings such as the Urban Farmer Winter Meeting.
- Farmer-to-farmer networking support (monthly member meetings and social gatherings)
- Opportunity to participate in the governance of the Farm Alliance by serving as a farmer member on the board of directors
- Policy and issue advocacy support
- Each new member signs the membership agreement and receives a sticker and a copy of the Farm Alliance annual report.

- Farm members serve on committees and vote on decisions affecting these programs.
 - Members commit to our anti-racism approach and help with strategic planning for the organization and mutual aid for other members in need.
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GARDEN MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is open to anyone practicing urban agriculture for their own use: Community gardens, apiculturists, school gardens. Enrollment is welcome year round.

Dues:

Dues are \$60 per year. This amount can be paid via check or PayPal. Gardens that cannot afford to pay this amount may instead be allowed to contribute work hours to the Farm Alliance in lieu of cash.

The Farm Alliance provides:

- Policy and issue advocacy support
 - Peer networking support (monthly member meetings and social gatherings).
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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Individuals may join the Farm Alliance at one of three dues levels according to ability to pay. Individual members agree their dues go to support the work of the Farm Alliance and choose the level that works for their ability to pay. Enrollment is welcome year round.

Dues:

\$35/yr, \$60/yr, \$120/yr. This amount can be paid via check or PayPal.

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