



MEMBERSHIP DUES AND BENEFITS SUMMARY

Farm Alliance of Baltimore, 2022

- Applications for Farm Membership are open once per year (December 1st - January 5th)
- Applications for Garden and Individual Membership are open year round

Membership is renewed annually with a signed membership agreement and appropriate dues payment. All members commit to our anti-racism approach and help with strategic planning for the organization and mutual aid for other members in need.

FARM MEMBERSHIP:

Farms are defined as agricultural operations that produce >\$2000 worth of farm products for sale or donation annually and have been in production for at least one year in Baltimore City. New member applications are reviewed annually by the Membership Committee of farmers and site visits are required before acceptance.

Dues:

- Farms belonging to nonprofits, companies, or institutions where the parent organization has an endowment or has operating budget:
 - o greater than \$1M/year: **\$400**
 - o between \$300K and \$1M/yr: **\$300**
 - o greater than \$100K but less than \$300K: **\$200**
- Farms that are solely owned or family-owned with operating budgets less than \$100K: **\$150**

The Farm Alliance provides:

- Assistance and guidance from the Alliance and farmer-to-farmer support and networking

- Access to trainings, workshops and scholarships to farming/sustainability conferences
 - Fellowship, peer networking support, monthly member meetings and social gatherings
 - Access to seedlings either through use of our greenhouse or local organic contract growers as available
 - One-on-one technical support from Farm Alliance staff. Referrals to Extension, NRCS, MDA, and other farm support agencies as needed
 - Policy and issue advocacy support
 - Access to our Double Dollars incentive program, including use of EBT machines and hosting cooking demonstrations at your farm sponsored by the Farm Alliance
 - Free soil tests and soil coaching as available
 - Access to our market program (including Waverly Farmers Market)
 - Promotion through the Alliance website, social media, newsletter, and marketing materials
 - Promise of confidentiality with regards to individual farm data submitted
 - One vote per farm when making group decisions for the Alliance
 - Members may be eligible to serve on the Farm Alliance Board of Directors
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GARDEN MEMBERSHIP:

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

Dues:

Dues are **\$60** per year. 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:

- Assistance and guidance from the Alliance and farmer-to-farmer support and networking
- Farmer-to-farmer support and networking
- Access to trainings and workshops
- Fellowship, peer networking support, monthly member meetings and social gatherings

- Access to shared resources (like seedlings as available)
 - Technical support from Farm Alliance staff. Referrals to Extension, NRCS, MDA, and other farm support agencies as needed
 - Policy and issue advocacy
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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Individuals may join the Farm Alliance at one of two 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:

Dues are Pay What You Can with recommended amounts of \$60 or \$120 per year.

The Farm Alliance provides:

- Assistance and guidance from the Alliance and farmer-to-farmer support and networking
 - Access to trainings and workshops
 - Fellowship, peer networking support, monthly member meetings and social gatherings
 - Access to specified resources as available
 - Policy and issue advocacy
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Questions? Contact programs@farmalliancebaltimore.org