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## Membership Application

Are you a new member? \_\_\_\_\_ Returning member? \_\_\_\_\_

I am joining because: \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby certify that I am eligible for membership in TheHomeGrownCollective, Inc. (the Organization) and that I am (1) an agricultural producer or other association in the agricultural industry (i.e., farmers, livestock/produce dealers, nurseries, fisheries, etc.). I wish for my eligible association to be listed on the Organization's application/web directory where it can be accessed and viewed by users who can then easily access and purchase my services and/or products.

I understand that my membership, upon approval by the Board of Directors of the Organization (the Board) is indefinite unless withdrawn by either the Board or myself. I understand that my membership in the Organization is at no cost. Funding will mostly come from the consumer users of the directory via subscription fees. Upon funding goals, I understand my membership allows me to submit for expenditure reimbursements for qualified expenses. The reimbursements will be funded based on need and other factors at the discretion of the Board. The foregoing shall be fully effective upon acceptance by the Board. I understand that if I don't follow the guidelines set forth in the membership criteria and goals/ agreement (attached), then the Board can withdraw my membership, effective immediately.

Signature & date \_\_\_\_\_

Association Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Payer ID Number (SSN/EIN) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Select the categorie(s) that best describe your agricultural association:

- 1. Farmers - livestock breeders, produce, seafood, dairy, bees/honey, and other agricultural goods
- 2. Plant nurseries, community gardens, etc.
- 3. Educational, conservation and other non-profit agricultural organizations, wishing to benefit from the directory
- 4. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

● If you have any questions or suggestions on the categories listed above, please contact our team at 252-402-1373, or e-mail [support@homegrowscollective.org](mailto:support@homegrowscollective.org)

Accepted by the Board of Directors on:

## **Membership Criteria**

1. Members must be properly registered with any state agencies (if applicable) and have any necessary/applicable licenses and insurance that may be required for their association.
2. Members must fit the description of one of the following categories listed on the membership application.
3. Members must agree to adhere and follow the goal/mission of TheHomeGrownCollective, Inc. (the organization).
4. Members must follow all local, state, and federal laws and regulations that pertain to their association.
5. Members must be independently owned businesses/organizations and not wholly owned subsidiaries of large corporations (publicly or non-publicly traded). Please reach out if you have questions on whether this applies to your association.
6. Members are responsible for all business operations, administrative tasks, and will not rely on the organization for any such tasks.

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## **Goal and Agreement:**

The goal of TheHomeGrownCollective, Inc. (the organization) is to grow and connect independent food producers with restaurants, consumers, and other agricultural businesses (equipment, supplies, services) while promoting and drawing traffic to maximize exposure for our members.

All members of this non-profit organization's directory will agree to contribute to the growing of education and productivity of locally harvested food and other agricultural goods in their local communities. Associations will be monitored ongoing by the Board of Directors of the organization. If it is determined that an association no longer fits the organization's mission, their membership will be revoked. They can then request to be reviewed for re-entry if they wish.