

I am a Founder

Tier Two Membership

Founder members are pillars in their industry and the community, and consider both in their business plan.

Investment: \$3,600 annually

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

The Hillsborough Chamber is your voice and advocate on issues that affect the business community. In addition to providing ways to network and market your business, we work to ensure economic prosperity, develop a strong education system, foster entrepreneurship, and enhance quality of life.

EVENTS, EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Access to Chamber programs and events to build business:

1. Free business and workforce development workshops and seminars
2. One free membership in Central Carolina Women In Business
3. One free membership in Hillsborough Young Professionals Engage
4. Free admission to Business After Hours (drink/food included)
5. Discounted Holiday Parade entry fee: \$50 (non-members \$125)
6. Networking opportunities at 40+ events a year
7. Invitation to special events (such as the Annual Gala)

MARKETING, VISIBILITY & BUSINESS LEADS

- Business listing on Chamber website (with link to your website) and in the annual Hillsborough/Orange County online magazine/guide
- ChamberMaster login to post your business events on Chamber website
- Newcomer leads: contact information for people moving to area
- Inclusion in Chamber's business referral program (phone, email and newcomer requests for service and retail providers)
- Increased business and staff visibility and credibility:
 1. Participation in Chamber Ambassador's Committee (great for meeting potential customers!)
 2. Opportunity for other Chamber committee involvement
- Recognition in Chamber publications upon joining:
 1. Facebook (2,500 followers)
 2. Instagram (1,700 followers)
 3. Twitter (1,200 followers)
 4. "Hillsborough Happenings" email newsletter (3,000 distribution)
- Membership decals:
 1. Window/door decal for display in business
 2. Digital e-decal for website, social media and emails
- Free or discounted advertising and promotional opportunities:
 1. Free ribbon cutting or ground-breaking ceremony
 2. Discount on full color, 4.9" wide x 5" tall ad in *The News of Orange* newspaper on Chamber page - last Wednesday each month
- Display of business cards in Chamber lobby
- Opportunity to host a Business After Hours and sponsor events

SERVICES

- Access to Member-to-Member Discounts offered by fellow members
- Low-cost printing at Chamber (15¢ B&W/per page. 22¢ color/per page)
- One free use of Chamber conference room (future rental: \$20 per hour)
- Discounted Certificates of Origin: \$50 per certificate (regularly \$100)
- Unlimited employee subscriptions to Chamber email publications

"Recognition as a leader in the business community begins with being a member of the Chamber and actively participating in its programs and services. My financial advisory firm is a longtime member of the Hillsborough Chamber because we have benefited from our membership through increased visibility for the company and our employees, networking, and referrals . . . and through the Chamber's pro-business stance on issues. We consider the Chamber our business partner, and the partnership works."



Tom Struckmeyer
Financial Advisor

At this membership level you also get...

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR FOUNDER TIER MEMBERS

- Sponsorship and recognition at two Chamber events
- Two tickets for the Annual Gala / Annual Meeting
- Feature in the annual Hillsborough online magazine/guide
- Two tickets to special speaker events
- One free Champion-level Chamber membership to provide to a non-Chamber member (one-year term; not valid for Trustee-level membership established as a trade for services)
- Inclusion at invitation-only events
- Three free memberships in Hillsborough Young Professionals
- Three free memberships in Central Carolina Women In Business
- Free Hillsborough Holiday Parade entry
- Preferred seating at Chamber events
- Free use of Chamber conference room meeting space
- Free Certificates of Origin
- Recognition as a major investor on Chamber website
- Input on Chamber governmental advocacy efforts
- 3 free additional location listings in Membership Directory on Chamber website
- 25% discount on Chamber advertising (website banner ads, email newsletters, standalone email blasts, etc.)
- Recognition as a pillar of the Hillsborough business community