



Connecting the Disconnected

TUSCALOOSA AREA BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Mission

To promote economic development in Black and other under-represented communities of West Alabama by developing economic empowerment strategies that will assist current and future Black or under-represented businesses in becoming sustainable

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THE RE-BRANDING OF TUSCALOOSA AREA BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HISTORY

The devastating 2011 Tornadoes shed light on the struggles Black and under-represented business owners were having to endure. Through collaborations with the University of West Alabama Small Business Development Center and other local and state organizations, The National Church Black Family Council sponsored workshops to assist business owners –particularly Black business owners– in developing contingency plans for more viable business structures. However, it was soon found out that workshops were not enough.

The Tuscaloosa Area Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. was founded in October 2011 as an affiliate of the Alabama State Black Chamber of Commerce. The first members were chartered in January 2012. In 2013, the organization was restructured. Changing with the time, the organization has moved from the constraints of a brick-and-mortar structure to one that is more fluid and representative of the community we serve.

MISSION

The mission of the Tuscaloosa Area Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. is to promote economic development in Black and other under-represented communities in West Alabama by developing economic empowerment strategies that will assist current and future Black or under-represented businesses in becoming sustainable.

VISION

Encourage | Engage | Empower

1. **ENCOURAGE** the development of Black Business Enterprises in West Alabama
2. **ENGAGE** Black Businesses and members of the community to become actively involved in the communities we live and work
3. **EMPOWER** Black business owners by providing them with tools that will enhance the sustainability of their businesses

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INTEREST SURVEY

Identify yourself.

- Individual
- Nonprofit / Church/ Community Organization
- Small Business Owner
 - Veteran Owned
 - Women Owned
- Governmental / University - based Organization
- Future Business Owner

Do you currently have a membership with TABCC?

- Yes
- No

On which day(s) would you be able to attend a members' meeting? (Choose all that apply)

- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday

What time do you prefer to have a meeting?

- Lunch - 12 noon - 1 pm
- Evening - 5 pm - 6 pm

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What services interest you? (Choose all that apply)

- Taxes
- Business Training
- Financial Planning
- Job Placement / Staffing
- Business Planning
- Networking
- Starting a Business

Additional Comments or Suggestions

Please provide any additional details that may assist us in improving our services to you.

If you would like for us to follow up with you, please provide your contact information below.

Contact Name: _____

Name of Business/Organization: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone (optional): _____

Disclaimer: All information is confidential and will not be shared with any person or organization not affiliated with the Tuscaloosa Area Black Chamber of Commerce. Information will be used to determine how best to serve our members.

Thank you for your assistance.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP (Check one): INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE BUSINESS I BUSINESS II
 CORPORATE PARTNER (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum)

BUSINESS NAME _____

CONTACT NAME _____ TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

EMAIL _____ WEBSITE _____

BUSINESS CATEGORY _____ NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES _____

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

ADVOCACY
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COUNSELING &
ASSISTANCE
BUSINESS MARKETING SUPPORT
EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS
ANNUAL BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITY CONFERENCE/EXPO

MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETINGS
BI-MONTHLY NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES
BID OPPORTUNITIES NOTIFICATIONS
JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS
REFERRALS
CONNECTION TO CHAMBERS ACROSS STATE

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES

<input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (NON-PROPRIETOR)				\$ 100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE (NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES)				\$ 125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS I (GROSS SALES < \$250,000)				\$ 150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS II (GROSS SALES > \$250,000)				\$ 250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> CORPORATE PARTNER:	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze:	\$500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver:	\$1000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold:	\$1500.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum:	\$2500.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TABCC.

MEMBERSHIPS CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE VIA PAYPAL: WWW.TUSCBLACKCHAMBER.ORG