

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET



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Sylvester – Worth County Chamber of Commerce

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The Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce is organized to promote, maintain and enhance relationships among citizens of the community, businesses, educational and governmental agencies.

STOP AND SHOP SYLVESTER WORTH COUNTY

WE ARE "WORTH IT"

Our Chamber is supported by over two hundred members, the City of Sylvester and the Worth County Economic Development Authority.



Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce

Membership Benefits- WE ARE “WORTH IT”

- **BREP** (Business Retention and Expansion Process) Work with Economic Development Authority to survey existing businesses and industry. The information will be used by our local, regional and state agencies to resolve issues that impact ability to compete in a global economy. The survey process is designed to strengthen the relationship between local industry, government and the economic development community.
- **Business Insurance Discounts** –
- Receive a 10%-12% discount on any BUSINESS policy with Auto Owners Insurance Company. (Includes liability, worker’s compensation, vehicle, etc.)
- Receive a 7.5% discount on Workers Compensation Insurance through Georgia’s “Drugs Don’t Work” program.
- Up to a 5% discount for member businesses that move their coverage to UHC and up to a 2% discount off renewal rates for current customers who join a participating Chamber.
- **Business Referrals** – The Chamber has a strong Member uses Member network. We refer our Members first and encourage all our Chamber Members to use our Membership Directory when searching for products and services.
- **Business Webpage** - You will receive internet visibility through your own webpage that includes your company contact information, mapping capabilities that will lead the customers directly to your front door, also blogging capabilities that will put your weekly specials out to over 250 members and on the internet, advertising opportunities and much more.
- **Community Development** - Your membership offers the opportunity to participate on one or more of our committees and to help shape the future of Worth County!
- **Discounted fees** - Rental fees and usage of the Chamber Annex for your meetings, birthday parties, baby showers and get together will be offered at a discounted price. Discounted fees for faxes and copies and free notary service.
- **Display** your business information for free in the Chamber Lobby. Also supply the Chamber with any information and / or promotional items and we will display at any festival and/or event we participate in and hand them out for you. We will also include your items in Welcome Packets for new families and businesses.
- **Economic Development** Profile – Vital information on economic data provided at request.
- **FREE** Business Listing and discounted price on advertising in the Community Magazine and County Map.
- **Georgia Chamber Federation** – Chamber Members with 10 and fewer employees are automatically members of the Georgia Chamber
- **Goodwill Ambassador** – We are the front door to our community and promote commercial, cultural, recreational facilities, civic, festivals and other events in our community.
- **Health Insurance** – The Chamber offers Life Style Health Insurance Plans through Taylor Insurance for our Chamber Members.
- **Leadership Worth** Classes available at a discount to Chamber Members.
- **Member Announcements** – Announcement opportunities for your business can be included in the weekly Newsletter, Social Media, and on the Web Page for free blogging and coupon opportunities.

- **Membership Decal** – (Only business members receive the Decal) Display your decal proudly and prominently so that your customers see it when they walk in your door.
- **Membership Directory** – Listings on our Webpage and in the Community Magazine. Our Webpage is also google engine and your listing is as well.
- **Net Working Opportunities** – Serve as Directors and Ambassadors welcoming new members and promoting member involvement. Also represent the chamber at ribbon cuttings, ground breakings, networking events and serving on committees.
- **Partners in Education** – We work hand in hand with the Schools for our Partners in Education Program.
- **Professional Development** – The Chamber holds several forums, Lunch and Learns, seminars and workshops at discounted rates or at no cost to members to provide you with up to date knowledge and assistance in work force development.
- **Ribbon Cutting** Ceremonies, Business After Hours, Ground Breakings and Open House.
- **Site Location** – The Chamber Staff will aid in the reallocation or reopening of a new or existing business and industry.
- **Sylvester Local News** - All *NEW* members receive a *Buy One/Get One Free* offer from the Sylvester Local News. You may purchase any size ad UP TO a 1/2 page and get the same size ad FREE the following week! To qualify for this offer please contact, Nicole Jones at 229-776-3991.
- **Tax Deduction** – your investment in the chamber may be a deductible as a necessary business expense.
- **Tourism** - We have a Stop and Shop Sylvester Worth County marketing campaign that advertises Sylvester Worth County. We also work with all our festivals and cities to promote tourism within the community.
- **Weekly Newsletters**, Community Calendar and Calendar of Events
- **Secure Records Solutions** – Chamber Members receive 10% off shredding services for a one-time purge or the first year of a regular shredding program.
- **Paul Pro Pressure Washing** – Chamber Members receive 10% off any service provided by Paul Pro Pressure Washing.
- **AirMedCare Network Affinity Group Membership Discount** – AirMedCare is offering a discount to all Chamber Members.



YOUR CHAMBER COMMERCE

What is a “Chamber of Commerce”?

A Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of business professionals who have joined for the purpose of promoting the community, civic, commercial and industrial progress of your community. The area’s economic well-being is directly related to the caliber of work that is done by the Chamber. That is why the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce has a major impact on community, business, income, and future growth of the area. There are two primary functions of the Chamber of commerce:

- 1) It acts as spokesman for the business and professional community and translates into action the group thinking of its members and committees.
- 2) It renders specific services of a type that can be most effectively rendered by a community organization both to its members and to the community as a whole. General objectives include improvement of the community’s quality of life, including education, recreation, arts and culture, and continued support of the Economic Development authority in their efforts toward industrial development recruitment and retention.

Our Mission Statement:

The Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce is organized to promote, maintain, and enhance relationships among citizens of the community, businesses, and educational and governmental agencies.

The Chamber offers many benefits and opportunities not only to its chamber members (see member benefits) but the community as a whole. We are the front door to our community offering a professional and inviting first impression to all those looking to move into our county as a homeowner, business owner and / or industry.

Who does the Chamber Serve?

The Sylvester-Worth County Chamber currently serves over 275 members. Members include large and small businesses, financial institutions, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, individuals and retirees. We are also the Tourism Arm of the community and support all festivals and events throughout the county.

What exactly does the Chamber do?

The Sylvester Worth County Chamber of Commerce works with many different committees and other organizations to improve community relations, promote small and large businesses and foster an atmosphere of welcome to new industry, business and residents. The Chamber has a very aggressive Program of Work it follows every year and it insures that our Chamber Directors, Ambassadors, Staff and Volunteers work hard to help our community prosper and show our community in a positive light. The Chamber driven committees include the following:

- Executive Board – Budget and Finance
- Agriculture/Farmers Appreciation
- Economic Development
- Education
- Government
- Leadership Worth
- Membership
- Tourism / Retail



Sylvester Worth County Membership Dues Schedule and Membership Application

Membership Plan:	Membership Yearly Dues	Pay Pal Fee
Retiree	\$30.00	\$1.17
Individual	\$60.00	\$2.04
Non-Profit Organization	\$125.00	\$3.93
Business Employing 1-25	\$200.00	\$6.10
Business Employing 26-60	\$275.00	\$9.28
Business employing 61-100	\$350.00	\$10.45
Business employing 101-200	\$475	\$14.08
Business employing 201 or more and Financial and Utilities Institutions	\$600	\$17.70

Company Name _____

Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Street Address _____

(if different from above)

Business Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

E-Mail Address _____ Web Site _____

New Member Investment of \$ _____ entitles your companies representative to participate and receive full benefits from the Sylvester-Worth County Chamber of Commerce.

*Dues may be deductible from Federal and State Income Tax as a "Necessary Business Expense". Membership is continuous unless cancelled in writing.

Please describe your services and key products:

Referred by: _____

Thank You for supporting the Sylvester – Worth County Chamber of Commerce

Authorized by: _____ Date of Membership _____
