

Criteria For Membership

ALL MEMBERS:

Must be an established non-profit agency or church/community sponsored program serving the needy and must be tax exempt under the IRS Code 501(c)3, or function under the auspices of an umbrella organization.

Can belong to only one America's Second Harvest Food Bank at the same time.

Agree to all articles of the NHFB Basic Agreement & Addendum to the Basic Agreement, if applicable. Have knowledge of, understand and agree to abide by the NHFB Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.

To be an authorized shopper: one must go through our "Orientation." Each agency is allowed to have 3 persons designated as approved shoppers. The agency director must notify us in writing when the designated shopper leaves the agency.

Agree to an initial on-site visit as well as periodic follow-up visits by NHFB representatives so that the working relationship may be mutually evaluated. A director or program coordinator should participate in the inspection process.

Must agree to keep all Food Bank food on site (actual location of food distribution). Food cannot be stored in private homes, even on a temporary basis. Agree to meet local and state health department requirements and have adequate dry storage space and refrigerator/freezer space, if applicable, to ensure safety of the food until it is used or distributed.

Must serve a clientele that is at least 50% low income and/or eligible for government benefits (AFDC, Fuel Assistance or Food Stamps, etc.).

Provide adequate transportation to pick up the food as well as adequate persons to help load their vehicles. For inclement weather, vehicles must have some cover protection for the food to be transported.

Agencies on an open credit line must remit payment for their invoices within 30 days and by "agency check only." No cash or personal checks accepted. Continued delinquency will result in termination of credit privileges. Keep your account active by shopping at least once every 4 months.

Agree to keep appropriate records "on site" as required by the NHFB and make these records available upon request. All NHFB invoices must be kept for two years. The director or the program coordinator shall immediately notify the NHFB of any material change in their name, address, telephone number, FAX number, staff or shoppers.

All member agencies must have certification on Safe Food Handling.

Providing Quarterly service reports is a requirement of membership and must be submitted on time each quarter. We review these records regularly and use the statistics to track hunger trends in our state. These statistics provide a valuable tool for acquiring as much food as possible to distribute to our partnering agencies and the information is available to our members for use in grant writing and proposals/reports for fund raising efforts.

Failure to submit QSR's on time will result in immediate suspension of shopping privileges.

Any material change of address per IRS form 557, must be reported in writing to both the IRS and to the NH Food Bank. Your agency may not shop at the NHFB until the new site is inspected.