

Apply.

1. Benefits & Responsibilities

I have read and understand the benefits and responsibilities of Purple Porch Co-op member-ownership on the opposite side of this document.

2. Payment

To provide capital funds and acquire Member-ownership, I subscribe to purchase the following share (select one):

- \$200 one-time payment
- \$200 payment plan (\$25 every 3 months)
- \$100 low-income* one-time payment (see below)
- \$100 low-income payment plan (\$10 every 3 months)

*Those purchasing low-income shares hold the same benefits and responsibilities as those purchasing \$200 shares. If this subscription is for a share at the low-income level, I certify that I am either a recipient of one or more of the following: food stamps (EBT), supplemental security income (SSI), Medicaid, WIC program, Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus, or Section 8 housing subsidy; or could qualify for such programs if I chose. If/when able at a later time, I will pay the additional \$100.

3. Contact Information

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Additional adult member of household to be listed as patron:



123 N. Hill Street
574.287.6724

Real. Local. Co-op.

Become a member-owner 

About the Porch.

Grocery store + Café + Wednesday Farmer's Market.

Since 2009, we have been connecting the Michiana community to local growers, suppliers, farmers and those who produce with health, sustainability, ethics and community in mind. We believe that having open access to the providers of real food and goods makes a real difference in our lives, our neighborhoods and our planet. Located in downtown South Bend, we are a grocery store that offers a great selection of locally and regionally produced foods, a café with hot food bar and salad bar, and a Wednesday farmer's market from 5–7 pm where customers can meet the people that produce local, seasonal food.

Nearly 100 local/regional food producers.

The Purple Porch Co-op has tried to be inclusive of the Michiana area by placing a 60 mile radius around South Bend. While this is somewhat flexible, we pride ourselves in our commitment to keeping the food miles to a minimum. Vegetables, fruit, meats and eggs are grown/raised within that 60 mile radius. Currently, 30% of our sales are from local producers.

Soon to be powered by solar.

For almost a year, we have been raising the funds to purchase solar panels for the Porch. Once they are set up, they will supply around 15% of the porch's energy needs, which is the equivalent of around four houses.

Over 1,000 member-owners.

The Co-op is a community-owned business. A growing number of individuals and families have chosen to financially invest through purchasing an equity share. By investing, member-owners support the local economy, provide a community gathering space, and provide satisfying jobs with good pay.

Member-Ownership.

About Member-Ownership:

As a cooperative business, we (and our many local producers) rely on member-owners to support our business. Member-owners purchase a one-time, lifetime equity share of \$200 (or \$100 for those that self-identify as low income). Equity shares support co-op capital expenses.

Steps to becoming a member-owner:

1. Fill out and return form on opposite side
2. Choose payment option for your equity share
3. Make your first payment

Benefits of member-ownership:

1. 10% off entire store purchase once per month
2. Exclusive monthly price specials
3. 10% discount on an ordered full case of one product
4. Everyday discount on café salad bar
5. Discounted food credit paid with cash or check every 1st Thursday of the month (applies to store account)
6. Portion of Co-op profit returned to you based on your patronage
7. Voting rights on the future of the co-op at annual meetings

Responsibilities of member-ownership:

Grow with us! Shop in the grocery store, enjoy lunch in the café, and get to know local producers at our Wednesday Local Farmers Market.

