



Membership Application
To the
PEOTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Please return completed form with payment to
P.O. Box 877, Peotone, IL 60468 Fax: (708) 258-0011*

Business Name: _____

Contact: _____

Business Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(If different from Business Address)

Phone Number: _____ **Fax Number:** _____

E-mail address: _____

Website: _____

Correspondence Preference:

_____ Regular Mail

_____ E-mail

Membership Category:

_____ Active - \$150 *(All for-profit enterprises)*

_____ Associate - \$100 *(Not-for-profit organizations, churches, civic orgs.)*

_____ Governmental - \$0 *(Taxing bodies within the Village of Peotone)*

Dues Amount Paid: \$ _____

Business Category: (check one)

_____ Automotive

_____ Banking/Financial/Insurance

_____ Restaurant/Food Service

_____ Publishing/Printing

_____ Realty/Property Management

_____ Non-profit Org./Church

_____ Entertainment/Recreation

_____ Residential/Commercial Service

_____ Legal

_____ Retail

_____ Hotel/Lodging Facility

_____ Personal Services

_____ Health

_____ Governmental

_____ Other: *(Please specify)*



Welcome!

The Peotone Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a better understanding and appreciation of the importance of business people and their role in the community. We actively seek to encourage the growth and expansion of business. The Chamber strives to represent the Peotone region as an ideal community in which to live and transact business by promoting its economic programs and social environment.

The Peotone Chamber of Commerce is comprised of individuals and businesses committed to our Mission of promoting the business environment of Peotone. Our vision is to be the voice of the business community and to endorse cooperation among Peotone businesses. Because each member has unique views and talents, we will respect these views and utilize these talents to develop our business community. We believe Peotone is unique and that its small town charm should be emphasized in promoting the business community.

In order to accomplish its Mission, the Chamber coordinates many activities throughout the year to entice visitors, beautify the Village and involve the community in worthwhile projects. The Chamber also raised over \$25,000 for the restoration of the H.A. Rathje Mill, helping Peotone earn the Governor's Hometown Award. In addition, we hold events throughout the year, such as our **Business After Hours** and the **Peotone Business Expo**, which offer prime networking and business showcasing opportunities.

So that we may get to know more about you, please take a moment to fill out the form below. The information provided in this form will be used to compile a short promotional article about your business for publication in the local paper and also for inquiries pertaining to your line of business. We also ask that you complete the Membership Application and return both of these forms with payment to the Peotone Chamber of Commerce. If you do not wish to make any of this information public, please indicate such at the bottom of this page.

Thank you for your interest in the Peotone Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to having you as a member.

Business Name: _____

Contact Name/Position: _____

Other Key Employees: _____

Number of Employees: _____ How long in business: _____

Business Hours: _____

Products/services offered: _____

Other pertinent information about your business: (i.e. future plans, unique characteristics of company, history of company and/or owner, etc. Use back if needed.)

Please check here if you do not wish for the information you provide to be made public _____

Top Reasons to Join the PEOTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WE CAN HELP YOU TO:

- **Market your products and services**

Take advantage of low-cost marketing opportunities such as the quarterly newsletter, co-op advertising program and special events sponsored by the Chamber. Plenty of advertising and sponsorship opportunities exist through the Chamber's events, programs and publications!

- **Invest in a healthy economy**

When the Chamber helps companies that are relocating to Peotone or expanding their businesses, it means more jobs – and more customers for you! Your investment in the Chamber helps to market Peotone and promote quality growth.

- **Get involved**

There's nothing more rewarding than volunteering your time and talent to make the community where you live and work a better place. As a member of the Chamber, you will help sustain and improve the quality of life that you, your family and your employees enjoy. Membership in the Chamber is an investment in your business future.

- **Heighten your company's visibility**

Announce your respect for your customers by displaying your Chamber membership plaque. Your investment in the Chamber gives your business credibility, visibility and marketability.

AS A MEMBER YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- **Business After Hours**

The Chamber regularly sponsors Business After Hours, a social gathering designed to encourage networking among members in a casual environment. Any Chamber-member business is eligible to host a Business After Hours. Contact the Chamber office for more information.

- **Chamber Membership Annual Certificate and Frame**

As a member, you will be given a framed membership certificate to display. Your certificate will be updated annually.

- **Free listing on the Chamber Website**

A directory of current Chamber members is maintained on our website.

- **Free link to your website**

If you have your own website, you can obtain a free link from the Chamber's page to yours. Don't have a website? Let the Chamber help you create one for as little as \$100! Contact the Chamber for more information about this exciting new opportunity to "go global."

- **Free help-wanted job listings**

Finding good help can be a challenge. Let the Chamber help you by listing your available positions on our website.

- **Newsletter**

The Chamber Newsletter provides members with current news and updates pertinent to our membership. Members are able to advertise or submit articles for consideration as well. The newsletter is also posted on our website.

- **Chamber “Spotlight” feature**

A Chamber member is profiled each month on our website. Member Spotlight features photographs and information about the business.

- **Chamber referrals**

When the Chamber office receives requests for referrals, only Chamber members’ information is given.

- **Member Discounts**

Many members offer discounts exclusive to other Chamber members. This is a great way to promote your business as well as save \$\$\$\$. Check out our website to see the different discounts offered by other Chamber members.

*For more information about joining the Peotone Chamber of Commerce, call
708/258-9450 or stop by our office at 114 N. Second St.*



Chamber Members Have the “E-Vantage”

Whether you like it or not, more and more people are turning to their computers and the Internet for information about products and services. Whether it is just to gather information or to make their purchases, you can't ignore the impact it is having. Is your name out there? Are potential customers “surfing” to your beach or your competitors'? Are you taking advantage of these indispensable tools? By using today's technology, you can prepare for tomorrow and beyond!

The Peotone Chamber of Commerce can help you with our “E-Vantages” program. For many years the Chamber has been on the Web. Since 1998, thousands have “visited” Peotone via the web. As a member, you are listed on our site under our Members' Page. Only recently, though have we started expanding our use of it to directly benefit our members. Two of our newest benefits are online help wanted and member discount sections. Each are described below and how they can help you:

Help Wanted: This section offers free advertising for employment opportunities at your business. It is free to Chamber members simply by completing a short form. You decide how and when you want to be contacted – by phone, e-mail, fax, etc. The section provides space for your business name, address, phone number, e-mail, job description up to 150 words, and contact information. You can change it as often as you like. Let it run for a day, a week or months – it is up to you! And it's FREE! Anyone looking for a job is able to view this section.

Member Discounts: To recognize the like contributions of your fellow Chamber members, why not offer them a discount or incentive to come in and visit? Whether it is a percentage off merchandise or service, or a gift for stopping by, let them know that you are glad they, too, support business in Peotone by belonging to the Chamber. To list your discount, just complete the form and send or fax it to the Chamber. You can even e-mail the information to the Chamber (peotonechamber@hotmail.com).

The benefits described above are only available to Chamber members. Please take “E-Vantage” of these benefits and see how far your business can go. Call the Chamber office today to get your “E-Vantages”.

WWW.PEOTONECHAMBER.COM
HELP WANTED /MEMBER DISCOUNT FORM

Two exciting new benefits have been added for members of the Peotone Chamber of Commerce!

Current members of the Peotone Chamber of Commerce can list on our website positions available at their business or special discounts being offered exclusively to other chamber members. Simply fill out the form below and return it by mail or fax. You can also e-mail the information to peotonechamber@hotmail.com.

MEMBER INFORMATION

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

HELP WANTED:

Position Title: _____

Position Description: *(may be edited to fit in allotted space)*

For more information: *(Please list how you prefer to be contacted regarding this position)*

MEMBER DISCOUNT:

Discount Description:

The Help Wanted and Member Discount sections of our website are offered as benefits to members of the Peotone Chamber of Commerce.