

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Business Name: _____

Primary Contact: _____ Title: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Website: _____ Social Media: _____

Business Description (50 words or less):

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Haumāna (Student)	Kōkua (Nonprofit)	ʻOhana (Individual)	Kuleana (Business)	Imua (Premier)	Aliʻi (Executive Partner)
FREE	$100 /Year	$150 /Year	$350 /Year	$750 /Year	$1,500 /Year
☐ Haumāna	☐ Kōkua	☐ ʻOhana	☐ Kuleana	☐ Imua	☐ Aliʻi

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Business Industry: _____

Membership Goals: _____

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card

Credit Card Information:

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____ CVV: _____

Name on Card: _____

AGREEMENT

I agree to support the mission of 9th Island Business Connections, to actively participate in our events and programs, and to promote a spirit of collaboration, community, and aloha within our business network.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more information, contact us:

info@9thislandbusinessconnections.com

Mahalo!

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL BREAKDOWN

WHAT EACH MEMBERSHIP LEVEL ENTAILS

HAUMĀNA — STUDENT — FREE

- For high school, college, and trade school students

KŌKUA — NONPROFIT — $100 / year

- For nonprofit organizations making a difference in the community

ʻOHANA — INDIVIDUAL — $150 / year

- For entrepreneurs, professionals, and individuals

KULEANA — BUSINESS — $350 / year

- For businesses — includes two company representatives
- Business spotlight presentation
- Directory logo listing
- Member promotions
- Vendor opportunities
- Lei blessing included

IMUA — PREMIER — $750 / year

- For premier business partners — includes four company representatives
- Featured spotlight
- Priority event registration
- Premium website placement
- Speaking opportunities
- Enhanced exposure
- Lei blessing included

ALIʻI — EXECUTIVE PARTNER — $1,500 / year

- For executive partners — includes unlimited company representatives
- Event sponsorship recognition
- Premier logo placement
- VIP seating
- Leadership roundtables
- Priority sponsorship opportunities
- Annual strategic planning session
- Community Impact Partner recognition
- Lei blessing included

*Haumāna, Kōkua, and ʻOhana memberships include full participation in 9IBC networking, educational events, and community programs. *Cost for events may apply. Membership benefits are subject to program details and availability.*

GOALS FOR MEMBERSHIP

What would you most like to gain from 9th Island Business Connections? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Build relationships and expand my network
- ☐ Explore partnerships and collaboration
- ☐ Attend networking and educational events
- ☐ Develop leadership skills or find a mentor
- ☐ Generate referrals and new business
- ☐ Promote my business or organization
- ☐ Give back and support the community
- ☐ Explore sponsorship or vendor opportunities

How did you hear about us?

☐ Member referral ☐ Social media ☐ Community event ☐ Our website ☐ Other: _____

Additional information or questions:

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MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

- ☐ I understand that membership is subject to confirmation by 9th Island Business Connections. I agree to support the organization's mission of fostering authentic relationships, business collaboration, economic growth, and community connection through the spirit of aloha. *
- ☐ I would like to receive membership updates, networking event announcements, and organizational news by email.
- ☐ Annual dues are based on the selected membership tier. Payment instructions and confirmation can be provided by the organization after reviewing your application. Special event costs may apply.

9th Island Business Connections

NEW MEMBER COMMITMENT & DISCLAIMER FORM

E pili lokahi kākou — Let us be united! Where the spirit of aloha creates lasting business success.

Business Organization: _____

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of our organization. Our community is built on trust, professionalism, collaboration, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to helping businesses succeed in the spirit of aloha.
Please review the following commitments, expectations, and disclaimers carefully before submitting your membership application.

SECTION 1: MEMBER COMMITMENT

By applying for membership, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. Professional Conduct and Respect

I will conduct myself in a professional, respectful, and ethical manner when interacting with members, guests, sponsors, partners, and organization representatives.
I will contribute to an inclusive, welcoming, and supportive environment.
I will respect differing opinions, backgrounds, business practices, and perspectives.

2. Participation and Engagement

I understand that membership is most valuable when I actively participate in meetings, events, programs, and networking opportunities.
I will make a reasonable effort to attend meetings and engage in activities that support the organization's mission.
I understand that membership does not guarantee referrals, leads, contracts, sales, or business opportunities.

3. Collaboration and Community Support

I will seek opportunities to build meaningful relationships, share knowledge, collaborate, and support fellow members when appropriate.
I will approach networking with a spirit of mutual benefit rather than solely as a means of soliciting business.
I will represent the organization positively and responsibly.

4. Ethical Business Practices

I will provide accurate information about myself, my business, and my services.
I will not engage in deceptive, misleading, discriminatory, harassing, or unlawful conduct in connection with the organization.
I will respect other members' time and refrain from aggressive, unsolicited, or repetitive sales solicitation.

5. Confidentiality and Privacy

I will respect the privacy of information shared by members during meetings, events, and organization activities.
I will not disclose confidential business information, personal information, or private discussions without appropriate permission.
I understand that I am responsible for obtaining consent before sharing another member's contact information, photographs, or business information beyond the purposes for which they were provided.

6. Membership Fees and Policies

I understand that membership dues, event fees, sponsorship fees, and other charges may apply as outlined in the organization's current policies.
I agree to comply with established payment terms, membership requirements, event guidelines, and applicable organizational policies.
I understand that membership benefits, fees, and participation requirements may be updated in accordance with the organization's policies.

SECTION 2: DISCLAIMER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please read and acknowledge the following statements. **Initial on the line before each statement.**

_____ Initials

1. No Guarantee of Business Results — I understand that the organization provides opportunities for networking, education, collaboration, relationship building, and business development. The organization does not guarantee referrals, revenue, contracts, partnerships, funding, or other specific business results.

_____ Initials

2. Independent Business Relationships — I acknowledge that each member operates independently and is solely responsible for their own business activities, decisions, products, services, representations, and professional conduct. Membership does not constitute an endorsement, certification, or guarantee of any member's qualifications, services, financial standing, or business practices.

_____ Initials

3. No Agency, Partnership, or Joint Venture — Membership does not create an employment relationship, legal partnership, joint venture, franchise, or agency relationship between the organization and any member, unless separately established through a written agreement.

_____ Initials

4. Member Due Diligence — I understand that I am responsible for conducting my own due diligence before entering into business transactions, agreements, referrals, investments, or partnerships with other members. The organization is not responsible for independently verifying every member's claims, credentials, or business performance.

_____ Initials

5. Limitation of Responsibility — To the extent permitted by applicable law, the organization is not responsible for disputes, losses, damages, debts, or business outcomes arising from transactions or relationships between members. Nothing in this form waives rights or obligations that cannot legally be waived or excluded.

_____ Initials

6. Membership Approval and Termination — I understand that submitting an application does not guarantee acceptance into the organization. Membership is subject to the organization's review and approval. The organization may suspend, decline, or terminate membership in accordance with its governing documents, membership policies, and applicable law.

_____ Initials

7. Communications and Publicity — I understand that the organization may use the contact information I provide to communicate membership updates, meeting notices, events, and relevant organizational information. Any separate marketing consent, public member directory listing, or use of my image, likeness, or business logo will be subject to the organization's applicable consent and privacy policies.

SECTION 3: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Business Name: _____
Title/Position: _____
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Website/Social Media: _____
Membership Level (if applicable): _____

SECTION 4: APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By signing below, I confirm that:

- I have read and understand the commitments, expectations, and disclaimers outlined in this form.
- I have had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification regarding membership.
- The information I have provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I agree to comply with the organization's membership policies, code of conduct, and applicable guidelines.
- I understand that membership is a privilege and that my participation contributes to the overall strength and reputation of the organization.

Applicant Signature: _____
Printed Name: _____
Date: _____

FOR ORGANIZATION USE ONLY

Application Received By: _____
Date Received: _____

Membership Decision: ☐ Approved ☐ Pending ☐ Declined

Membership Start Date: _____
Authorized Representative: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in joining our business community. We look forward to building meaningful connections, supporting one another, and creating opportunities for collective growth and success.

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