

the Heirloom Project
Buying Club Membership Agreement

Welcome to *the Heirloom Project*—a private, community-based, buying club that takes seriously the motto “Know Your Farmer”.

The club was formed to provide its members with nutrient-dense foods sourced from regional family farms who pasture-feed livestock, practice organic and biodynamic farming methods — and beyond. *the Heirloom Project* is mutually beneficial to you and to the producers from where we purchase meats, dairy, produce and other goods. Our food distribution system (from Farm to Table) is streamlined. Our carbon footprint is considerably less since this food comes primarily from local sources. The food you receive is less expensive, truly fresh and free from contamination that can occur in large processing plants. Farmers and consumers build a direct relationship and line of communication with one another and can respond to each other’s needs. This is the true meaning of *food security*.

the Heirloom Project also has an educational component. There will be workshops for members, a lending library, as well as opportunities to share food, gardening skills and sustainability resources.

Why Be A Member?:

- We are purchasing direct, as well as wholesale and in bulk, which keeps costs down, takes out the middle-man, and gives us added purchasing power. We also purchase as much locally as possible which supports our local economy.
- There are always opportunities to volunteer and be a part of a true community movement.
- We are constantly evaluating our sources to ensure their products meet our stringent criteria. Please note, our standard of quality does not allow for certain products to be sold.

Member Responsibility:

The reason for this private membership agreement is to allow individuals to procure quality items not available on regular grocery store shelves. By signing, you are taking full responsibility for purchasing some items not currently supported under government regulation. As an *Heirloom Project* member, you are accepting the fact that some food products purchased from or through *the Heirloom Project* are “living”. With a finite shelf-life, these food items are subject to spoilage and fermentation within a fairly short time after production and/or harvest. Once purchased, the member has full responsibility for proper storage and processing. Therefore, you shall hold *the Heirloom Project*, its employees, agents, volunteers and suppliers, harmless against all claims, dangers, losses, expenses, and illness caused either directly or indirectly by food products purchased from *the Heirloom Project*.

For reasons cited above, we request that you use your own discretion when referring interested parties to the buying club and that communication be via email to:
project(dot)heirloom@gmail(dot)com

Membership Fees:

The following fee schedule has been implemented to help cover administrative costs:

- Membership fee is \$25. Students or those who qualify for financial assistance, WIC, EBT etc. Dues will be \$10 annually.
- We define “membership” as persons living in the same household.

By signing below, and with payment of the annual membership fee, I hereby join *the Heirloom Project*. Any food acquired from *the Heirloom Project* may not be shared or distributed to non-members for any reason or event.

If you are interested in joining please mail your membership form to:
the Heirloom Project
1016 Phillips St
Missoula MT 59802

Please make checks payable to: *the Heirloom Project*

Print name

Phone and Cell Phone

Signature

Date

Email Address

Initials of person collecting fee