

Annual Membership Fee - Paid by - Cash Check # _____

Member # _____ / _____
Hours owed from prior year _____



ETGC
EAST TENNESSEE GLEANERS CO-OP

(Official use only)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2025

Membership Type:

Choose One - Only new members and members in "good standings" may select Volunteer Member.

Volunteer Member

\$15 plus 10 hours

Non-Volunteer Member

\$35 & No hours

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please Type or Print Clearly

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELLULAR PHONE (Texting) _____

EMAIL - MAKE SURE IT'S RIGHT AND PRINTED CLEARLY - THIS WILL BE ETGC'S PRIMARY FORM OF COMMUNICATION WITH YOU

NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD _____

FIRST NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS THAT CAN PICKUP FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP (16 YRS+) _____

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Members considered "Unable to Glean" will be eligible to receive a portion of the 10% donation gleaned by other members following any glean in which an additional 10% is gleaned. ETGC Board of Directors will review your request and notify you of their decision. Members denied may appear in person or phone at any regular scheduled board meeting to appeal. To receive the 10% extra gleaned you must be available to meet at the time & place arranged by ETGC, food items will not be saved. Members with physical problems approved to receive the 10% gleaned may be restricted from field gleaning.

Considerations: Physically "Unable to Glean"

Sole Caretaker "Unable to Glean"

Explain: _____

(FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE USE BACK)

Please supply as much information as possible, **everyone in your household must also be "unable to glean."** Unable to Glean members are not excluded from required volunteer hours. If you are the sole caretaker to a disabled member or if you have any special needs that we need to consider, please state so in the "Explain" section.

VOLUNTEER ABILITIES

I am willing to help in the following areas: Please circle all that might apply to you...

Traffic Control

Food Transportation

Baking

Field Supervision

Teach a Class

Special Gleans

Help with Classes

Other _____

By signing below, I certify that all answers and statements on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that should this application contain any false or misleading information, and/or at any time should I or any member of my family not comply with East Tennessee Gleaners Co-ops rules and regulations as well as TN Code 53-13-102(Immunity of good-faith donor or gleaner from liability) & Public Law 104-210(Good Samaritan Food Donation Act) that I have fully read and understand, my application may be rejected or my membership with East Tennessee Gleaners Co-op may be terminated.

Signature _____

Date _____

I DO NOT give consent for use of my contact information or photograph in a members-only directory or on-line posts.

- Turn in to ETGC in person or Mail with a self addressed stamped envelope to PO Box 2633 - Crossville 38557
- Lost Cards will cost \$5.00 to replace and must be requested by email
- Membership includes family members in the household of the above applicant
- ETGC can not guarantee all members will receive distribution produce or gleaning opportunities

Membership cards not received at time of application will cost an additional \$1 for mailing cost. Cards not mailed must be picked up at an ETGC event.

WELCOME TO EAST TENNESSEE GLEANERS MEMBER



WHAT IS ETGC

ETGC is a self-help organization that helps its members, with the cooperation of our community partners, to reclaim food and useful products that would otherwise be discarded. Members not only glean fresh food, they also receive education opportunities to ensure they know how to prepare and preserve those foods.

EVERY THING HAPPENDS ON OUR WEBSITE www.etgc.org AND OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

CLASSES:

ETGC hosts 15 to 20 classes annually at various locations in Cumberland and surrounding counties. Class are our members teaching members skills they have an expertise in. For example: Canning (by Certified Instructors), Dehydrating, Food Preservation, Meal Preparations, Soap Making, Sewing, Quilting, Extracts, Knife Techniques, Jerky, Herb Gardening, Condiment Making, Kombucha Brewing, Cast Iron Cooking & Many More...

Classes are usually free to Members and a small fee to non-members.

GLEANS:

ETGC hosts 10 to 15 gleans annually, we arrange with local farms for our members to go directly to a field to pick seconds, after growth, blemished, and any produce left after harvesting is complete. ETGC members pick for themselves and additional percentage for local food banks and ETGC members who can not physically glean. Bring your own tools. Examples of past gleans include: Corn, Zucchini, Tomatoes, Peppers, Eggplant, Summer Squash, Pumpkins, Blueberries, Pears, Apples, Grapes, Potatoes.

Gleans are open to members only.

DISTRIBUTIONS:

ETGC receives several mass donations each year from farms of seconds, after growth, blemished, and extra produce. These items are already picked and are simply distributed to members. Members join a organized line in there vehicles at a predetermined time and location to receive these items.

Distributions are usually for Members only, however if we receive a large enough amount to satisfy our members addition may be made available to the public and local food banks.

MEMBERSHIPS:

All memberships are Annual and must be applied for each year.

Annual Family Membership - requires 10 hours of Volunteer Time with ETGC completed within the year such as a field supervisor, teaching classes, helping with classes, making crafts or baked goods for craft/bake sales, working the sale, helping with membership drives, distributing donated items, making phone calls

Premium Annual Family Membership - higher cost membership that requires NO Volunteer Time, however all members are welcome to help.

Unable to Glean Membership - ETGC accepts a limited amount of memberships for members who have physical limitations and no other household members that can glean. UTG members receive the extra percentage picked by other members in a distribution style. These members can choose a Annual Family Membership or Premium Annual Family Membership.

JOIN US WITH YOUR PHONE ON THE WIX SPACES APP

The Spaces by Wix app lets you easily stay in touch and updated with us on the go. Members who join the WIX app will get ETGC event notifications and will be able to register for events on there cell phone.

Fill out the form of the bottom of the ETGC website (www.ETGC.org) or find the SPACES BY WIX App on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store.

Create a personal account then use code "ETGCOOP" to join our group.



HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR ETGC MEMBERSHIP

KEEP UP WITH WHATS GOING ON:

ETGC Events can be very short notice.

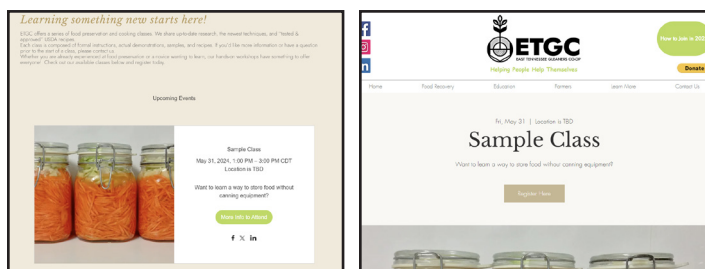
- Join the “East Tennessee Gleaners Co-op” Page on Facebook - All the ETGC Events are Posted here
- Join the “Friends Who Like East Tennessee Gleaners Co Op” Group on Facebook - This group is run by other members to exchange information.
- Watch the ETGC Website - www.etgc.org
- Check your Email - Members receive Email for all Events
- Join the Spaces App by Wix ETGC Group to receive notifications on your cell phone.

ATTENDING AN EVENT REQUIRING REGISTRATION

All Classes and Gleans as well as some other Event require members to register ahead due to limited space or produce.

To register you MUST goto the ETGC website using a link supplies on Facebook, Email or simply goto www.etgc.org/education or www.etgc.org/food-recovery-1 or use the Space by Wix App to register.

- Click on the Event then Click “More Info to Attend”, then click “Register Here” and fill out the registration form and click ”Submit.” That’s it, your will recieve an email confirming the Event information.



HOW TO GET YOUR VOLUNTEER TIME

Members requiring volunteer hours may register to help at any ETGC event.

Members MUST register to attend the event then to help you MUST register to the corisponding Volunteer Event the same way.



All members must registration at www.etgc.org to volunteer for an event. You will be “waitlisted” while ETGC's Volunteer Coordinator sorts out which volunteers need volunteer time and how many volunteers are needed. Then Approved Volunteers for the Event will be notified.

Volunteers are sorted by the amount of volunteer time they have completed and the order they registered.

If you have completed your required time or your membership does not require volunteer time you can still register, if there is room you will be allowed to continue helping.

IF YOU CAN NOT ATTEND AN EVENT YOUR REGISTERED FOR

ETGC Events have limited space and we want to serve as many of our members as possible.

You MUST Email ETGC at - EASTTENNESSEEGLEANERSCOOP@gmail.com and let us know 24 hours prior to the event to allow other members to attend in your space.

A member who does not notify us or does not attend an event they registered for twice within a member year will not be allowed to register for ETGC events for the remainder of the member year.

CONTACT ETGC:

EASTTENNESSEEGLEANERSCOOP@gmail.com

More questions download the
ETGC RULES

