

why

JOIN?



REASONS TO BECOME A MEMBER

general MEMBER BENEFITS

Serving Our Members...

The Ohio Grocers Association (OGA), founded in 1899 in Springfield, Ohio, has served the Ohio food industry for over 100 years. OGA is a non-profit trade association representing over 400 members throughout Ohio.



Our Mission is to be the leading voice and advocate for Ohio's Food Industry.

OGA's purpose is

- to represent the membership through **legislative and regulatory efforts**, with an effective government relations program; to be the resource for **industry education and communication**;
- to work with industry partners and alliances to **best serve the membership**; and
- to operate as a professional income-generating business **dedicating its resources to the membership**.

Strength in Numbers — Every Membership Counts

OGA is one of the most effective lobbying groups for the food industry in Ohio. Your membership adds your voice – and presence – to powerful representation.

Retail Membership is open to any retail food or grocery establishment in Ohio

Associate Membership is open to any supplier, distributor, wholesaler, manufacturer or service provider.

Retail Member Benefits

Legislative & Regulatory Representation

Industry Communications, Updates & Alerts

Legislative Communications, Updates & Alerts

Tuition Reimbursement/Scholarships

Education & Compliance

OGA SuperPoster

Loss Prevention

Task Force Opportunities

Partner Programs

Events/Conferences

Training/Compliance Kits

Associate Member Benefits

Access/Exposure to Retail Members

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Training/Compliance Kits

Human Resources Forms

Partner Programs

Educational Conferences

Events/Programming

Member Programs & Service Discounts

Check Recovery

Coupon Redemption

Digital Marketing

Electric and Gas

Health Insurance

Lighting

Money Orders

Property & Casualty Insurance

Tax Compliance

Workers' Compensation

Workers' Compensation

Medical Management



For more information visit our website www.ohiogrocers.org or contact Shane Schaefer at (614)448-1629 or email shane@ohiogrocers.org

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RETAIL MEMBER BENEFITS

Legislative Representation and Updates

- Members benefit from registered lobbyists dedicated to helping you with unfair laws or proposed laws that affect your business in Ohio.
- Notification of WIC, SNAP and license inspections.
- Representation for you with lottery and liquor departments as well as complaints to the Attorney General.
- Representation for fair treatment on Food Stamp (EBT) regulations.
- Help with understanding and complying with new labeling and food safety regulations.
- Required government postings (OSHA minimum fine \$4,000).
- Up-to-date government postings and changes for minimum wage, smoking, etc. as well as turnkey compliance.

Program Discounts

OGA has partnered with a variety of organizations offering valuable resources and services which can provide significant savings for our members' bottom line. Each of these Program Partners has been evaluated extensively and chosen specifically for their quality, integrity and service. The following topics are among the programs currently provided for member participation. More are listed at www.ohiogrocers.org.



Check Recovery

Coupon Redemption

Digital Marketing

Electric and Gas

Health Insurance

Lighting

Money Orders

Property & Casualty Insurance

Tax Compliance

Workers' Compensation

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Medical Management

Industry Communications

- **Weekly Checkout** email newsletter keeps you up-to-date on the latest industry news
- **Special Alert** emails alert you to topics you need to know now, for example food recalls and much more.
- **Keeping Up With Kristin** is our weekly video update directly from our President/CEO – keeping you current on the latest news or happenings in the industry and at the Association.
- **Government Relations (GR) Updates** and **Legislative Podcasts** are regular reports on local and national legislative issues affecting our industry.
- **Ohio Grocer Magazine** is a quarterly magazine to membership featuring industry news, legislative information on state and national levels, editorial coverage on industry trends, association news and member news and updates.
- **Direct Mail** covering Association events, offerings, and member programs.
- **Calendar of Events** is your company's event and information source with OGA (and other industry) events on your phone or desktop – at your fingertips.
- **Website (www.ohiogrocers.org)** is a complete resource for members, offering event information, industry news and updates, current legislative (state and national) news, and member programs, training kits and compliance information.

Networking, Engagement and Educational Opportunities

Trade Relations *Brown Bag Celebration*

Annual Golf Classic

Ohio's Best Bagger Competition

OGA Hall of Fame Induction

OGA Fall Conference

Loss Prevention Summit

Scholarships/Tuition Reimbursement

Training & Compliance Kits

Statehouse Day

Task Force Meetings

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