

## Everyone can shop at the Monadnock Food Co-op, and anyone can become an owner.

Join more than 3,200 of your friends and neighbors in owning The Monadnock Food Co-op. Although you don't have to be an owner to shop, we think the benefits of ownership are pretty great. Get owner coupons and patronage refunds when we are profitable, keep more money in our community and invest in a business that will always be locally owned. Join us!

### Why Own This Co-op?

- Receive new member-owner coupons when you join.
- Enjoy a 10% discount coupon once per quarter, 10% off case pre-orders, and receive additional coupons. Stock up to save!
- During profitable years, receive your patronage refund proportional to the amount you spent at the co-op.
- Shape the future of your co-op by attending the annual meeting and participating in member-owner surveys.
- Vote in our annual Board of Directors elections or run for an open seat on the Board.

### Community Benefits

- Build our local food system by supporting over 300 local producers who supply our store, while enjoying fresh, healthy foods and sustainable products.
- Create a vibrant local economy that puts people before profits and keeps profits within the community.
- Share the knowledge about health, nutrition, local farmers and great food with workshops and newsletters from Monadnock Food Co-op.

### How it Works

- To join, invest \$200 of equity up front or in \$25 installments.  
— Ask about assistance through our Membership for All program.
- Receive your new member-owner packet with coupons and a card for tracking your patronage.
- Provide your member-owner card, number, or name to your cashier on each shopping trip.
- Up to 2 additional designated adults in the Voting Member-Owner's household may shop on your membership account.

### About Member-Ownership:

- Ownership of our co-op is open and voluntary to anyone who supports the purposes and principles, that intends to make use of its services and accepts the responsibilities of Member-Ownership.
- Voting Member-Owners shall have the right to participate and vote in regular and special meetings and to attend any open meeting of the Board of Directors or of a committee.
- Our co-op's Board of Directors meets from 4:45-6:45pm on the third Monday of each month at the Hannah Grimes Center on Roxbury St. in Keene.
- You may withdraw your equity at any time by requesting a refund, please do so in writing to our Membership Co-ordinator at [membership@monadnockfood.coop](mailto:membership@monadnockfood.coop). Please expect two weeks for approval and processing.
- Nationwide, each food co-op is independent and owned by members of its own community. While Monadnock Food Co-op demonstrates Principle 6, "Cooperation among co-ops," and sometimes shares resources with neighboring food co-ops, we are not affiliated in any way. Member-Owners cannot earn patronage refunds from our co-op on money spent at other co-ops in the region, and vice versa.
- Patronage Refunds are only distributed to Voting Member-Owners with active memberships in good standing\*.
- An "active membership in good standing" requires:
  - 1) equity payments are current or paid in full
  - 2) all contact information is current
  - 3) member has made a purchase in the last 12 months.



### To Apply:

Invest at one of our cash registers, on our website, or by mailing this form with a check payable to:  
**Monadnock Food Co-op,  
34 Cypress St., Keene, NH 03431**

**Please select a payment option:**

\_\_\_ **Member-Owner full pay:** I will pay my full equity share investment of \$200 today (not an annual fee).

\_\_\_ **Member-Owner installment pay\*:** I will pay the first \$25 today of 8 monthly equity investment payments and the next 7 by ACH automatic withdrawal.

*\*Patronage Refunds are only distributed to Member-Owners when their membership is active & in good standing, and voting privileges are only available to those who have paid in full.*

**Please read and initial statements below:**

\_\_\_ I understand that Patronage Refunds, voting privileges, and the ability to request changes to my account are tied to the Voting Member-Owner only.

\_\_\_ I understand that voting privileges are only available to Member-Owners when their equity has been paid in full.

\_\_\_ I understand that Member-Owners are responsible for maintaining an active membership in good standing.

\_\_\_ I understand that if my membership is not active and in good standing for more than two consecutive years and the co-op is unable to contact me, my membership will be subject to forfeiture.

\_\_\_ I understand the rights and responsibilities required of me as a Voting Member-Owner of this co-op, as they are outlined in the bylaws at:

**[monadnockfood.coop/bylaws](http://monadnockfood.coop/bylaws)**

**Ready to own Monadnock Food Co-op?**

Sign up with a cashier during your next shopping trip, or apply online at [monadnockfood.coop](http://monadnockfood.coop).

# Monadnock Food Co-op member-owner Equity Form

## Voting Member-Owner's Name:

(this is the legal owner of the equity in this cooperative)

First: \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Full names of up to two additional adults in household eligible to make purchases using this Member-Owner account:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Optional:

\_\_\_\_\_. Yes, please publish my first & last name plus the town where I live on the co-op's online Member-Owners list.

I was referred by \_\_\_\_\_

I chose to invest in Monadnock Food Co-op today because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Thank you!

Please allow us two weeks to process your application and send you your Member-Ownership cards and welcome packet in the mail, or pick them up in our store.

## Location

34 Cypress Street, Keene, NH 03431  
603.355.8008 | monadnockfood.coop  
Facebook @MonadnockFoodCoop  
Twitter @MonadnockCoop  
Instagram @MonadnockCoop

## Contact

### General Manager

Michael Faber  
gm@monadnockfood.coop

### Membership Coordinator

membership@monadnockfood.coop

### Board President

board@monadnockfood.coop

## Hours

Monday - Saturday 7 AM - 9 PM  
Sunday 9 AM - 9 PM



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