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Summary

Membership in Volunteer MBC provides the opportunity for non-profit agencies to gain access to specific benefits that the volunteer centre has to offer.

Membership is offered on an annual basis (January to December), and is fee-based with automatic renewals occurring at the beginning of each fiscal year (January).

Prospective members complete a membership application form which provides an outline of the value of membership in Volunteer MBC. Application forms are reviewed in detail to ensure accurate information has been provided, to ensure authenticity of the organization's intention to join the volunteer centre, and to confirm that the appropriate membership fee category has been applied for.

The membership categories for Volunteer MBC are as follows:

Full Membership – Available to community service organizations serving the Region of Peel (Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon) who require volunteer referrals, voluntary sector professional development and the suite of benefits listed outlined below. Volunteer roles posted cannot replace a paid salaried position. The organization must adopt the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement;

Full Membership

Volunteer MBC initially launched their agency/organization membership in early 2009 and was renamed in May 2017 to full membership. This membership is available to community service organizations serving the Region of Peel (Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon) who require volunteer referrals, voluntary sector professional development and the suite of benefits listed in our membership chart on www.volunteermbc.org. Volunteer roles posted cannot replace a paid salaried position. The organization must adopt the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement;

One of the key benefits of a Full membership is the opportunity to receive support and referrals for volunteer engagement at their organization. Prior to activation of Full membership, organizations must agree to follow the Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement (CCVI) and use of their contact details, as per the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA). See Appendix for more details.

The benefits of full membership include:

- Two eligible branches/departments/programs/chapters for volunteer recruitment at the rate of the Base Membership Fee. Request for quote for additional locations and programs.
- Unlimited Number of Volunteer Posting Records during membership term (1 record = 1 volunteer position) connecting agencies to our volunteer database of 19,000+ users.
- Discounted rates to enroll in Volunteer MBC delivered/hosted learning and development programs.
- Enrolment of your volunteers in Volunteer MBC delivered/hosted learning programs and/or development of customized learning programs offered on a fee for service basis.
- Communications support for your volunteer postings and special events through our social media channels, E-Newsletter (currently 30,000 followers).
- Take advantage of the OASSIS not-for-profit Employee Benefit Plans through our Preferred Partnership program.
- Opportunities to submit nominations to "The V-Oscars (Volunteer MBC's Volunteer Recognition Awards Program).
- Opportunities to submit nominations for "Peel Cares" (Volunteer MBC's Volunteer Recognition Awards Program).

- Opportunities to submit volunteer stories to be promoted in the "Volunteer Spotlight" page of our website (<https://volunteermbc.org/category/spot>).
- A one-time one (1) hour of free professional consultation related to volunteer engagement upon membership subscription.
- One (1) vote at Volunteer MBC's Annual General Meeting.

Rates are payable annually and are determined by operating budgets. Members who join after July 1 pay 50% of the annual rate for the balance of the year. The full membership fees are as follows:

\$ 55.00 - operating budgets up to \$100,000
 \$110.00 - operating budgets between \$100,000 to \$399,000
 \$165.00 - operating budgets between \$400,000 to \$999,000
 \$215.00 - operating budgets over \$1,000,000

Organizations that provide their programs/services through multiple locations, units or branches (more than 3) would be eligible for a group rate, which would vary based on their specific requirements. Membership is automatically renewed each fiscal year, unless advised by the member no later than the end of the current fiscal year. Reminders are sent out in November each year. Renewal invoices are sent out in January via email.

Volunteer MBC in house Volunteer Membership:

Volunteer membership is granted at no charge to individuals who are active volunteers with Volunteer MBC

The benefits of the volunteer membership include:

- One (1) vote at Volunteer MBC's Annual General Meeting for volunteers who have been active for a minimum period of at least 6 months within the year.
- Access to our professional development programs, workshops and webinars free of charge providing the course material relates to their volunteer role at Volunteer MBC.

Honorary Life Membership:

Given to Volunteer MBC volunteers at the Annual General Meeting, who have helped guide Volunteer MBC and have dedicated their time, expertise and skills and who may have contributed financially to sustain our programs.

Membership Cancellation Policy

[Please refer to the separate Membership Cancellation Policy.]

Appendix:

More information about Canadian Code for Volunteer Involvement (CCVI) can be accessed at: <https://volunteer.ca/ccvi>

More information about the Personal Information Protection and Electronics Documents Act (PIPEDA) can be accessed at: http://www.priv.gc.ca/leg_c/r_o_p_e.asp