

## Everyone is Welcome

Fare Share Co-op is a consumer-owned cooperative—anyone can shop here, but when you join, you own it. To invest in this community market, just pay for a one-time refundable owner share on a sliding scale. If you need to, you can pay a small amount each month until you're paid in full. There is a \$15 non-refundable annual membership fee as well, to help cover some of the costs of owner services.

## Join Today

### Here are some benefits of being a Fare Share Member/Owner:

- Pay the lower price you see on two-tier pricing shelf tags
- Order "case lots" from four major suppliers, and pay only 20% above wholesale
- Use your Owner Account to pay ahead and spend down at your convenience—just like a gift card.
- Become a "working owner"—your volunteer hours bring you even bigger discounts in the store and when you order in bulk.
- Order online for pick up at the store (ask about the Fare Share Buying Club).
- Share your ideas at Owner meetings, serve on the Board, or join a committee.
- Support an important community resource.



## Our Vision

- To create a high-quality, low-priced, not-for-profit food supply, democratically controlled by member-owners.
- To educate members of the community on matters of nutrition, agriculture and alternative technology.
- To develop an information-sharing communication center.
- To help develop other non-profit goods and services.
- To help further principles of cooperation, democracy, and self-reliance for the general betterment of members and the community.
- To provide a welcoming and inspiring space to build a healthy and sustainable community.

## Cooperative Values

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility, and caring for others.

## Cooperative Principles

Cooperatives are based on the simple yet powerful idea that people can achieve greater results by working together than they can alone. The cooperative principles are guidelines by which cooperatives put their values into practice.

- 1st Principle:** Voluntary and Open Membership
- 2nd Principle:** Democratic Member Control
- 3rd Principle:** Member Economic Participation
- 4th Principle:** Autonomy and Independence
- 5th Principle:** Education, Training and Information
- 6th Principle:** Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- 7th Principle:** Concern for Community



MEMBER OWNED AND OPERATED



Fare Share is your local Main Street market with natural, organic, healthy and fresh food. We are your wellness resource with bulk foods: flours, grains, fruits, nuts, herbs, spices, teas, coffee; locally baked goods; fruits, berries, vegetables fresh from area farms; groceries, supplements, sundries; ethnic foods; gifts and more.

**Fare Share Co-op houses Fare Share Market, The Commons, and business rental spaces.**

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## Owner Dues & Shares

### WHAT ARE DUES?

Dues are an annual payment of \$15.00 (that's \$1.25/month) that helps pay for the cost of mailings, meetings and other member-owner services.

### WHAT IS AN OWNER SHARE?

Being a co-op member means being an owner in a very real sense. It is a tangible manifestation of your faith and commitment to your co-op.

An OWNER SHARE is your one-time equity payment to become an owner of Fare Share Co-op. Where other types of businesses get capital from private investors or by selling shares on the open market, co-ops rely on OWNER SHARES. When you join Fare Share Co-op, the money you pay for your OWNER SHARE goes toward buying the food that fills our shelves, the building that houses us, and the future of our co-op.

## Your Fair Share

If you leave the co-op, you can take your OWNER SHARE with you. With thirty days notice, a Fare Share OWNER SHARE is completely refundable to owners in good standing. Some owners donate their OWNER SHARE to Fare Share Co-op when they move away.

We want everyone who WANTS to join Fare Share, to be ABLE to join, so the cost of a Fare Share OWNER SHARE is on a sliding scale. Below is information about income levels in Oxford County so that you have a context to work with and you can decide what your family should pay. We don't ask you how you made your decision. Everyone's situation is different. You decide what you will pay, and whether you will pay all at once or over time. If you receive EBT/SNAP or WIC, you qualify to use Fare Share's Food Access Fund to cover your OWNER SHARE.

## Become an Owner/Member

Simply fill out the form below, and drop off or mail to:  
Fare Share, 443 Main Street, Norway ME 04268

INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY NAME(S):

Info

ADDRESS:

TOWN/CITY:

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE(S):

EMAIL(S):

Today I/we will pay Annual Dues (\$1.25 for each full month remaining in the year).

~ OR ~

I can't afford to pay the entire Annual Dues at once, and will pay \$1.25 dues each month.

Dues

I receive EBT/SNAP or WIC and would like Fare Share's Food Access Fund to cover my Owner Share.

~ OR ~

My fair share for an Owner Share of FARE SHARE CO-OP is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ which I will pay in the following way (check one):

Shares

All at once, today.

All at once, on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_

Quarterly payments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to volunteer. Please contact me.

I have questions or comments. Please contact me.

Yes  No **Permission to use name and photo?**  
(outreach, promotional material, website, social media)

## What's your FAIR SHARE for an equal share of FARE SHARE?

Half of the households in Oxford County have **more than \$33,464** annual gross income.

suggested equity } **\$120.00**

20% of households in Oxford County have an annual income of **\$75,000 or more.**

suggested equity } **\$200.00**

8.45% of households in Oxford County have an annual income of **under \$10,000.**

minimum equity } **\$30.00**

**Only you know your family's circumstances. Here is some information to help you put your income in the context of other families in Oxford County.**

(2000 Census numbers.)