

# MEMBERSHIP



## What is a member & how do I become one?

### ABOUT US

The **Nashville People's Budget Coalition** (NPBC) is an individual member-based organization that educates and organizes to create safe and thriving communities for all by increasing investment in life-giving public goods, building genuine community safety beyond policing, and radically democratizing municipal budgeting and governance. We are guided by a vision of housing for all, non-police community safety for all, and full citywide participatory governance and budgeting.

### WHAT IS A MEMBER?

Members of NPBC **(1)** are current or recent Nashville residents, **(2)** are committed to collective action that realizes our organizational principles, values, and mission, and **(3)** engage in the organization's work as consistently as their capacity allows. NPBC offers different **"levels" of membership** that correspond to different capacities for participation. Each level comes with specific responsibilities and benefits. **General Members** (*lower capacity*) attend multiple member meetings and other NPBC events annually, pay member dues (\$1-100/yr), participate in decision-making on our annual campaign, and have access to all member trainings, communication channels, and apparel. **Member-Leaders** (*higher capacity*) attend and help lead a majority of all member meetings and NPBC events, co-lead a committee, pay dues, complete political education and organizing trainings, and participate in all significant organizational decision-making.

### COMMITTEES

All members participate in or help lead one of our committees: **(1)** Political Education + Communications, **(2)** Membership, and **(3)** Outreach. After one year of active membership at a Member-Leader level, members who are interested and have consistent capacity will be eligible to join the organization's **Steering Committee**, which helps maintain and oversee basic organizational operations.

### MEMBER COMMITMENTS

NPBC members commit to: **(1)** working to make our organizational principles, values, and mission real, **(2)** ongoing self-education around the systems we struggle against and the worlds we struggle for, **(3)** remaining actively engaged throughout each year, **(4)** free and open communication and navigating conflict through principles of transformative justice; **(5)** collective wellness and care.

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

The steps to become a new member are **(1)** completing a Membership Interest form, **(2)** having a 1:1 meeting with a current member, **(3)** expressing commitment to collective action that realizes NPBC's principles, values, and mission, and **(4)** attending one quarterly Mass Meeting / General Interest Meeting within three months of a 1:1 meeting with a current member.

### INTEREST FORM

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