



# ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Business Name:

Primary Contact(s):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code/ County:

Business Phone:

Email:

Mailing Address: (leave blank if the same as Street)

City:

State:

Zip Code/County:

Website/ Social Media:

**ELIGIBILITY:** Companies that provide solutions to retailers and/or sell business-to-business – including equipment manufacturers, breweries, distilleries, vintners, software developers, consultants, wholesalers, financial institutions, media agencies and internet service providers.

### BUSINESS TYPE (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Association/Trade Organization                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Services – Consulting         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bakery / Deli   | <input type="checkbox"/> Food/ Produce Distributor | <input type="checkbox"/> Services – Financial          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Producer or<br>Distributor: <i>Alcoholic</i>     | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturer/Processor    | <input type="checkbox"/> Services – Real Estate        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Producer or<br>Distributor: <i>Non-Alcoholic</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat, Poultry, Seafood    | <input type="checkbox"/> Warehouse/Distribution Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broker  | <input type="checkbox"/> Media/ Design/ Creative   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesaler                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candy Company   | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-food Distributor      | Other _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy/Egg Products  | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Supplies           |  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Plastic Products    |  |

### COMPANY TYPE: (Check one)

- |                                      |                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent | <input type="checkbox"/> Chain     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coop        | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise   |                                    |

### Number of Employees in VT:

- |                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time | <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time |
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# of locations in Vermont \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues

Are based off of your annual gross sales. In January 2018 the VRGA Board will be reviewing all current dues structure & the VRGA staff will notify you of any changes before membership renewals are sent for your second year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$310 Less than \$0.5 Million |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 More than \$0.5 Million |

\*For dues greater than \$5 million in gross sales, add an additional \$90 per million. (Vermont Sales Only)

Dues Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Check  Credit Card

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ CCV# \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Call and pay over the phone or mail a check to:  
Vermont Retail & Grocers Association  
963 Paine Turnpike N, Berlin, VT 05602

Make check payable to  
Vermont Retail & Grocers Association

Please note: Association dues are billed yearly according to your anniversary date. We offer a 90 Day Money Back Guarantee.

**Provide a brief description of your business for your FREE listing on [vtrga.org](http://vtrga.org) & welcome post on social media:**

**What are the top four issues facing your business that we can assist you with?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**How did you hear about VRGA?** mail / email / social media / current member / events / staff person

**How would you like to receive information from VRGA?** mail / email / constant contact / phone call

## **Your Member Benefits**

Send me information on the following VRGA Membership Programs  **by email**  **by mail**

### **Advocacy & Knowledge**

For over 40 years we have been the leading voice for retailers in the legislature, advocating for your issues of concern such as labor laws, taxes and regulations & more

### **\$1,500 College Scholarships**

If you are an employee or owner of a VRGA member business and are attending college for the first time, or have a child who is attending college for the first time, you may be eligible.

### **Business and Dental Insurance Program**

Average Yearly Member Dividend Paid \$375.  
Plenty of options & excellent group rates

### **Online Member Compliance Portal**

Designed to offer you time-saving tools and resources that build convenience into managing your everyday work tasks.

### **Press List**

Request a copy of our press list and add us to yours so we can share your news and events

### **Staples Copy & Print**

Exclusive Copy & Print Center savings of 20% for marketing materials, banners, direct mail & more

### **Payroll Processing & Workers Compensation**

Average yearly member savings \$140

### **Check Recovery Service**

There is no fee to retailer to use this

### **Networking & Advertising Opportunities**

Eight annual events, Monthly e-newsletter and new programming

### **Educational Bi-Monthly Webinars & Year Round Important Online Resources**

Accessible to you & your staff 24/7 on our website

### **Credit Card Processing & low EBT fees**

Average Yearly Member Savings \$1,050

### **Coupon Redemption Program**

Turn coupons into cash simply & quickly

**Don't see something listed above you want or have something to offer?  
Please let us know! We are always evaluating our programs and looking for new partners.**

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Membership dues to the Vermont Retail & Grocers Association are not deductible under IRS regulations as a charitable donation, however they are generally allowed as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to the restrictions imposed by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 related to lobbying activity. VRGA estimates the portion of your dues allocable to lobbying (and therefore non-deductible) is 40% .

Please mail completed form, together with membership dues to:  
**Vermont Retail & Grocers Association** 963 Paine Turnpike N, Berlin, VT 05602