



For office use:

Proof of Insurance _____
AK BusinessLic. _____
Membership fee _____
Date _____
Check # _____
Membership Approved _____

2026 TVFMA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please return to:

Tanana Valley Farmers Market
P.O. Box 85138
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Thank you for applying to become a member of the Tanana Valley Farmers Market Association. Please review and respond to all the questions in the membership application. Applications must be signed for you to be considered for membership. To apply please send applications to the address above, please include with your application:

- \$20 annual membership fee (*in the form of a check made out to TVFMA*)

- Proof of business liability insurance, with TVFMA named as additional insured. (*if this is your first time applying for membership wait to secure insurance till you receive a vendor confirmation email*)

- A copy of a valid Alaska business license.

If you have any additional questions, please call the Market Office at (907)-456-3276.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

AK BUSINESS LICENSE# _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

VENDOR VEHICLE LICENSE # _____

INSURANCE

TVFMA requires all vendors to carry business liability insurance that covers no less than \$1,000,000.00 in liability coverage.

Option 1: Get Coverage through the Market's group policy -

The Tanana Valley Farmers Market will provide, a group vendor liability insurance policy of no less than \$1,000,000.00 in coverage for all qualified market vendors. You can purchase your policy as part of one of these group policy options:

Option 1

<https://securevendorinsurance.com/DeanRK/ApplicantInformation?GroupEventKey=4cf38cd5d2d9>.

Option 2

Artist/makers

<https://app.actinsurance.com/events/14546>

Food/Farm.

<https://app.fliprogram.com/events/14547>

There are Excluded Vendor Types Under this Policy. If your business falls into one of the following categories, you will need to source your own liability policy prior to approval of your application. **(NOTE: This list is from our insurance provider and does not imply that these activities are allowed or excluded at the market.)**

Excluded Vendor Types: Body piercing or tattooing; E-commerce selling; Fireworks sales & displays; Hot wax impressions; Live animals; Massage; Medical testing; Motor sports activities; Nutritional/health supplements; On-site installation/service/repair of products; On-site equipment rental; Oxygen/aromatherapy; Storefront operations; Time share sales; Tobacco products; Vehicles in motion; Watercraft exhibits on water; Weapon sales; Weight-loss plans or products; Wholesale business; Medical marijuana and/or paraphernalia

PLEASE NOTE: Catering Companies; Christmas tree retail lots; Corn or Hay mazes; Disc-Jockeys for events with over 200 attendees; Haunted attractions; Live Bands; Mechanical or inflatable amusement devices; Food Truck Vendors and Entertainment & Film Industry Vendors are not eligible under this program.

Option 2: Carry Your Own Insurance

If your business currently carries a business liability policy or you choose to buy your own, simply provide a copy of that policy to the manager along with your application. Your policy must name the TVFMA as an additional-insured.

Tanana Valley Farmers Market Vendor Membership Metrics

Please take a moment and mark the statements that represent your business on this list with an X. These metrics are a tool the market uses to make membership determinations. This page is a required part of your 2026 vendor application.

- 1point My business is 85% or more agricultural _____
- 5points My business is 85% or more horticultural _____
- 10point My business is Craft based _____
- 15points My business is hot food based. _____
- 30points My business has physical retail space outside of the Market _____
- 5points My business is represented at the market by the owner 85% of market days or more. _____
- 25points My business is represented at the market by the owner 85% of market days or less. _____

Labor hours: the number of paid hours of employees other than your family.

- 25points My business has labor at or below 2080 labor hours _____
- 35points My business has labor at or below 4160 labor hours _____
- 45points My business has labor at or below 8320 labor hours _____
- 55points My business has labor at or below 16640 labor hours _____
- 65points My business has labor at or above 33280 labor hours _____

_____ Total Score

MAX SCORE 75

Business with scores higher than than 75 points are considered too large to participate at the market. Scores are reviewed by the Jury Committee for membership determinations. Decisions made by the Jury Committee may be appealed to the Board of Directors.

TANANA VALLEY FARMERS MARKET CRAFT/ARTIST METRICS

(These metrics must be completed by all vendors selling items not grown or harvested in Alaska.)

All of my products are made by me in Alaska. Yes/No

50% or more of all materials used in my product are sourced in Alaska. Yes/No

49% or less of the materials used in my product are sourced in Alaska. Yes/No

I am the originator of all patterns or recipes used in the production of my product
Yes/No

100% of the photos, logos, graphics, or designs used in my product are my original art. Yes/No

My product complies with all US trademark and copyright laws. Yes/No

My products comply with all FDA rules and labeling requirements. Yes/No

MEMBERSHIP CONTRACT

In signing this membership application to become a vendor at the Tanana Valley Farmers Market, I recognize that my acceptance and participation at the Market carries responsibilities. I have read and reviewed the TVFMA Policy Manual (located on the TVFMA website or available, in booklet form, at the TVFMA office), I understand the policies and how they relate to the following statements, and I

have initialed each line, below, to signify my understanding and commitment to comply with all market policy.

- A. My product is Alaska grown, produced, or harvested. Or it is made by me in Alaska and it has had significant value added. _____
- B. As a Artist/Maker, my work is of high quality, it is original and created by me. It is appropriate for the Market (per TVFMA policy guidelines). I understand membership approval is determined by the Market Manager in consultation with the markets Jury Committee. _____
- C. If I am a food producer (either commercial, limited permit, or homemade food producer), I will comply with Department of Environmental Conservation, State, or TVFMA requirements. I have provided a copy of my food handlers license, or temporary food service permit, to be kept on file with Market Manager and in my booth. _____
- D. I understand I am required to be at the Market in time to be completely setup and ready to do business thirty minutes prior to Market opening. _____
- E. I will ensure my vehicle(s) will be out of the customer parking lot and parked in vendor lot 15min prior to Market opening. _____
- F. I understand volunteering for various chores around the market is part of my responsibility as a vendor. _____
- G. As a hot food vendor I understand I am responsible for keeping trash emptied around my space and in the picnic area, and to keep picnic tables clean.

- H. I will accurately report and pay all assessments and fees on the day incurred.

Furthermore, I understand that if I fail to follow the policies and bylaws of the Tanana Valley Farmers Market, I will forfeit my membership privileges. Including but not limited to the ability to vend at the Tanana Valley Farmers Market.

Signature _____ Date _____

Tanana Valley Farmers Market
2026 Vendor Agreement for Food Stamp Program

The Tanana Valley Farmers Market has implemented a Food Stamp Program. The market’s goal, with you as partners, is to provide a value-added revenue source for the vendors and to offer fresh fruits and vegetables to low income families who use food stamps. In addition, because we are offering QUEST services, we feel confident that the (Market) can increase the overall vendor sales and the current average daily crowd count of the market. The market will promote this program in market signage, press releases, and in our monthly advertising. All revenues and expenses of the program will be reviewed each year for its value to the market, the farmers and to the community.

For consistency in the program and clarity for the market customer, the Board requires that all produce and value added food vendors that participate in the program submit this form. There is no fee for the program, customers will purchase EBT tokens at the Market Information Table. The customers will use these tokens to purchase your products. At the end of the day, vendors will count the tokens and must place them at the end of each day in an envelope provided by the market manager. The market manager will collect and document all tokens returned for each market, and once a month will make an ACH direct deposit to the corresponding vendors account. Vendors will benefit as if they had individual wireless EBT/Debit machines without the additional bookkeeping tasks.

Due to Federal Regulations of the Food Stamp Program, we are asking vendors to sign this agreement to assure that they are aware of the rules of the program. The (market) sees this program as a joint responsibility.

I, _____ on behalf of my business, _____ agree to abide by the rules described herein as they relate to the processing Food Stamp and Debit transactions. I/we agree to follow all USDA Food Stamp Program rules, as outlined on the bottom of this agreement. I/we understand that the Market Board has the right to remove vendors from the market who do not comply with these rules.

Routing#

Account#

USDA FOOD STAMP PROGRAM RULES

Food Stamp Benefits can be used to buy:

- Fruits, vegetables, meats, fish, poultry, dairy products, seeds and plants intended for growing food, value added food products for not for onsite consumption.

Food Stamp Benefits can NOT be used to buy:

- Non-food items, ready to eat foods or hot foods.

You may NOT set a minimum purchase requirement and NO cash can be given as change for Food Stamp Tokens only. You may NOT redeem ones own benefits at your own business. You may NOT exchange benefits your business receives at market with any entity other than TVFM through the assessment process.

PREPACKAGED FOOD VENDORS: Food benefit recipients CAN NOT use their benefits to purchase any prepared, or hot food items that are intended to be eaten on site, vendors MUST have QUEST sign posted in their selling location to participate.

