

## Community Owner Share Form

Community Owner Shares are a one-time purchase.

- One community-owner \$100
- I agree with the Mondragon Principles attached
- I would like to donate \$100 to subsidize other Community-Owners
- I would like to donate another amount to subsidize other Community-Owners

Full First & Last Name of <i>Community Owner</i>	Please print.
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**Contact Information.** We use your contact information to communicate with you about Apple Street Market Cooperative. We never share your information with anyone else.

Mailing Address			
City / State / Zip:			
Telephone:		Can this number receive text messages?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
E-mail:		Can this email receive updates?	<input type="checkbox"/> Gmail.com <input type="checkbox"/> Yahoo.com <input type="checkbox"/> Hotmail.com

By signing below, I agree to the purchase of one Community Owner Share in Apple Street Market Cooperative. I understand that this application is subject to approval of the Board of Directors. I understand that my Community Owner rights are outlined in the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Apple Street Market Cooperative, which are available on [www.applestreetmarket.org](http://www.applestreetmarket.org). Apple Street Market Cooperative collects consumer purchase data in order to track general shopping trends and to determine patronage shares.

Signature of <i>Community Owner</i>		
Date		

Please visit us on the web. Apple Street Market Cooperative [www.applestreetmarket.org](http://www.applestreetmarket.org)

# Become a Community-Owner

The **Apple Street Market** will be a full service grocery store located on Apple Street in Northside. Products in this store will meet the diverse grocery needs of Northside residents and families. This new grocery will be a place where everyone feels welcome. The success of this business will be driven by the ideas and input of all its customers.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Who will own Apple Street Market?</h2>	<h3 style="margin: 0;">Your Multi-Stakeholder Cooperative</h3>	
	<p>This network of stores will be owned by individuals who purchase an <b>Apple Street Market</b> ownership share. Two groups will make up this multi-stakeholder cooperative—community-owners and worker-owners.</p>	
<p><b>Apple Street Market</b> will eventually be one of a network of neighborhood groceries.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <span>Apple Street Market Cooperative</span> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px; width: fit-content;"> <a href="http://www.applestreetmarket.org">www.applestreetmarket.org</a> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Community-Owners</li> <li>★ Worker-Owners</li> </ul>	<p>A Board of Directors will govern Apple Street Market.</p> <p>Your Board will be elected by the two groups who make up the ownership of this business; community-owners and worker-owners who have purchased Apple Street Market ownership shares.</p>

## Community-Ownership Benefits

Purchasing a share of **Apple Street Market** is an investment in your community. It’s an investment—in quality food, a healthier environment, and a vibrant local economy. Your purchase of an ownership share in **Apple Street Market** goes to support a business that cares about the community. Owners share in the satisfaction of knowing they are supporting the return of a walkable, affordable, full service grocery in Northside.

**Ownership Benefits Include:**

- ★ Access to a full-service grocery
- ★ A neighborhood grocery owned by its workers and the community
- ★ A business responsive to your needs
- ★ A vote for the Board of Directors
- ★ To serve on the Board of Directors
- ★ Patronage refunds in profitable years
- ★ Selective discounts

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Become an owner today!</h2>	<p>An <b>Apple Street Market</b> <u>community-owner</u> share can be purchased for \$100. Community ownership is available to everyone. Subsidized shares are available for applicants who qualify for SNAP or free &amp; reduced lunch.</p>
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# The Cooperative Principles of Mondragon

1. **OPEN ADMISSION:** The Mondragon Co-operative Experience is open to all men and women who accept the Basic Principles and can prove themselves professionally capable of doing the jobs we are able to create. Therefore there is no discrimination of any type for religious, political, ethnic or sexual reasons.
2. **DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE:** This principle represents the basic equality of worker-owners, the importance of the surrounding community of consumers, the corresponding rights to know the details of the Cooperative business, and to have a voice in its governance. These principles and corresponding rights imply acceptance of a democratically organized company based on the sovereignty of the General Assembly, electing governing bodies and collaborating with managerial bodies.
3. **SOVEREIGNTY OF LABOR:** Labor is the main factor for transforming nature, society, and human beings themselves. As a result, the systematic recruitment of outside salaried management has been abandoned. Instead, to the best of its ability, the Cooperative shall strive to create and train managers within the ranks of existing worker-owners.
4. **INSTRUMENTAL AND SUBORDINATE NATURE OF CAPITAL:** Capital is considered to be an instrument subordinate to labor, which is necessary for business development. Therefore it is understood to be worthy of fair and suitable remuneration, which is limited and not directly linked to the profits obtained, and availability subordinate to the continuity and development of the co-operative. Full sovereignty is attached to labor, the wealth created is distributed in terms of the labor provided and there is a will to extend the job options available to all members of society.
5. **PARTICIPATORY MANAGEMENT:** The steady development of self-management which, in turn, requires the development of adequate mechanisms for participation, transparent information, consultation and negotiation, the application of training plans and internal promotion.
6. **PAYMENT SOLIDARITY:** Sufficient and fair pay for work as a basic principle of its management, based on the permanent vocation for sufficient collective social promotion in accordance with the real possibilities the Co-operative as, and fair on an internal, external level and eventually the Mondragon Cooperative Corporation (MCC) level. At the MCC corporate level, through the establishment of a labor framework based on solidarity, as far as both payments and work hours are concerned. In order to avoid differences between co-operatives, pay levels should be between 90% and 110% of the corporate reference. Likewise, annual working hours must be between 97% and 103% of the corporate working calendar.
7. **INTER-COOPERATION:** As the specific application of solidarity and as a requirement for business efficiency, the principle of inter-cooperation should be evident between individual and cooperatives, between subgroups and between the Mondragon cooperative experience, and cooperative movements in the rest of the world.
8. **SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION:** All members of the cooperative shall pay dues and participate in the union representing the workers in the co-op. All members of the Cooperative shall be involved in the process of working towards a more caring and just economic structure.
9. **UNIVERSALITY:** All members will be in solidarity with all those who work for economic democracy in the area of the Social Economy by adopting the objectives of Peace, Justice and Development, which are inherent to the International Co-operative Movement.
10. **EDUCATION:** To promote the establishment of the principles stated above, it is essential to set aside sufficient human and financial resources for co-operative, professional and youth education.

## Instructions on Mailing This Form

1. **Check or Money Order:** Please make your check out to the “Cincinnati Development Fund FBO Apple Street Market Cooperative.” Or make the check out to “Cincinnati Development Fund” and in the For section write “Apple Street Market Cooperative.” The reason for this is because we are holding all funds raised in escrow with the Cincinnati Development Fund at Northside Bank until we have reached an amount that is viable to make the store successful.
2. **Mailing Address:** By mid-June we hope to have online purchasing set up for everyone at both [www.applestreetmarket.coop](http://www.applestreetmarket.coop) and [www.applestreetmarket.org](http://www.applestreetmarket.org) . Until then, please mail this contract with check or Money Order to the following address:
  - a. **Apple Street Market Cooperative**  
**P.O. Box 24192**  
**Cincinnati, OH 45224**
3. **Questions? Concerns?** Please contact Casey Whitten-Amadon at (513) 368-9694 or [cwhittena@yahoo.com](mailto:cwhittena@yahoo.com).
4. **Interested in Tax Deductible Donations?** If you are interested in donating to help struggling neighbors become Community-Owners in Apple Street Market Cooperative please make any donation out to Churches Active In Northside (CAIN) and in the For section write “Subsidized Ownership Shares Apple Street Market.” If you are interested in donating to help the general training, education, and incubation of Apple Street Market as a Cooperative please make the donation out to Cincinnati Union Cooperative Initiative (CUCI) and in the For section write “Incubation Apple Street Market.”
5. **Subsidized Ownership Statement:** If you qualify for SNAP, free or reduced lunch, or Medicaid expansion and wish to purchase a subsidized Community-Ownership share please make your check out for \$10 and write a statement about the importance of a neighborhood grocery to your life.