



Membership FAQs

Why join BYP?

BYP is now a formal dues-paying program approved by the Chamber. Membership ensures the program is sustainable and gives you access to exclusive opportunities for professional growth, networking, and community engagement.

How much does it cost?

- **Annual membership:** \$50
- **Waiver:** One individual from a Chamber-member company may have their BYP dues waived.

What are the member commitments?

All BYP members agree to:

1. **Pay annual dues (\$50)** – Supports program operations and ensures sustainability.
2. **Fulfill a \$200 sponsorship commitment** – Each member helps secure at least \$200 annually to support BYP programs. This can be done by:
 - Covering the \$200 yourself
 - Asking your employer to contribute
 - Connecting BYP with potential sponsors

This commitment ensures every member has “sweat equity” in the organization and supports leadership programs, networking opportunities, and community impact initiatives.

What benefits do I get with membership?

- Full Greater Bakersfield Chamber membership benefits
- Exclusive BYP events
- Access to BYP Crews for professional and community engagement
- Networking, leadership, and visibility opportunities

Can my employer pay my dues or sponsorship?

Yes! Many companies cover memberships or sponsorships as part of professional development. BYP provides [email templates](#) to make this process easy.

What if I can't secure \$200 in sponsorships?

Don't worry, BYP provides tools and staff support. Most members fulfill their commitment through employer contributions or connections they already have.

When is the membership drive?

The 2025 membership drive launches Friday, Sept. 5 and runs through Friday, Oct. 31, with a grace period through the end of the year.

How do I join?

Click “**Join Now**” on the BYP landing page, fill out your details, and complete your payment.



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Other Questions

Q: If I'm already a Chamber member, do I pay BYP dues?

- Individual Chamber members: BYP dues are waived.
- Company Chamber members but not individual members: \$50 BYP dues still apply.

Q: Do I still need to fulfill the \$200 sponsorship if I'm a Chamber member?

- Yes. The sponsorship commitment applies to all BYP members and is critical for supporting BYP's programs and operations.

Q: When is the \$200 sponsorship due?

- By the end of the membership year.

Q: How does the \$200 sponsorship support BYP?

Funds help:

- Leadership programs
- Networking opportunities
- Community impact initiatives
- General program operations