

# Midwest Elderberry Coop Membership Application Form

Farm Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Address (Same as above: Yes / No) \_\_\_\_\_

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Present elderberry acres \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated elderberry acres in 5 years \_\_\_\_\_

Cultivars used or planned \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Certification: \_\_\_ USDA Organic \_\_\_ Transition \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated markets: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP DESIRED

**Midwest Elderberry Grower FULL Membership (One Class A share: \$500)**

Payment Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Issue check to: Midwest Elderberry Cooperative and mail to Chris Patton, Midwest Elderberry Cooperative, 401 E. 18th St., Yankton, SD 57078-2209. Please include a signed copy of the Membership Agreement with your application. Thanks!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, see opposite side of this form, or log on to our web site: [www.Midwest-Elderberry.Coop](http://www.Midwest-Elderberry.Coop)**

# Midwest Elderberry Coop Membership

## Class A Share Membership

- Requires a one-time, \$500/business entity purchase of Class A stock.
- Membership fee is 100% at risk (MEC board determines use of funds).
- Open to any **grower** producing and selling elder berries and/or flowers in USA.
- Must execute MEC's Membership Agreement to confirm purchase of Class A share.
- Required to submit farm's elderberry data to MEC for use in academic research and MEC development and service to members.
- Provides:
  - member voting rights
  - access to MEC-owned inventory/ingredients at board-established wholesale prices and toll fees for services
  - free access to MEC educational events and resource materials
  - the option to purchase of Class C Delivery Rights Stock
  - Cooperative profits and losses are shared annually, as determined by the Board of Directors, with commercial production members proportionate to their ownership of Class C shares/total Class C shares outstanding.

<https://midwest-elderberry.coop/overview/membership.html>