

Minnesota Chapter - Membership Benefits

ACTIVITIES

The Minnesota Chapter of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACC Midwest) typically organizes several membership events per year. Events are organized around German-related celebrations, visiting dignitaries and/or member companies that wish to present themselves to the German American business community in Minnesota and the Midwest. Events may include:

- Annual Gala & Silent Auction
- Annual Scholarship Award Ceremony/Dinner
- Lunch or dinner meetings featuring high-level speakers on a German-American related business topic
- Business Card Exchanges/ Business After Hours
- Company visits

Corporate Membership

Events/Networking – Members receive invitations to all GACC Midwest events and co-sponsored events – for up to two executives per company. Members also have access to all GACCs events across the U.S.

Business Referrals – Our members are always recommended first.

Promoting Member Companies – Member companies gain widespread exposure through several of our publications as well as on our website.

E-newsletter – Members receive an e-newsletter on a regular basis.

German American Trade Magazine – Published by the GACCs six times per year. Members receive discounts on advertising.

Subsidiaries of German Companies in the U.S. – Over 3,500 firms are listed in this directory. Members in the U.S. that have 50% or more German ownership are listed.

National Membership Directory (online and printed) – This directory lists over 2,500 member firms/holdings and is distributed to member companies throughout the U.S. and in Germany.

Midwest Membership Directory (online)

Members Only Privileges – Members have access to a “Members Only” section of our website where they can access the online Membership Directory, update their information.

Access to a Worldwide Network of Contacts – Members have access to a wide network of suppliers, consultants and other associations.

Publications Mailing List – Members receive the Annual Membership Directory and access to a digital copy of the German American Trade magazine.

Voting Privileges – Members have the right to vote for GACC Midwest’s Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

Discounts – Members receive discounts for the following:

- GACCs services
- GACCs publications and advertising

Membership Events Planning – GACC Midwest can assist member companies in organizing a member’s open house or company tour to showcase a member companies’ products, services or facilities.

VAT Refunds – When traveling to Germany on business, GACC Midwest can assist members in obtaining business- related sales tax refunds.

Individual Membership / Student Membership

Events/Networking – Individual members as well as Student members receive invitations to all GACC Midwest events and co-sponsored events.

E-newsletter – Individual members as well as Student members receive an e-newsletter, informing them about news in the German American business community as well as about upcoming events and activities.

Individual Members / Student Members do not:

- Receive the membership discount on GACCs publications, services or advertising.
- Receive the Annual National Membership Directory
- Have access to the “Members Only” section of the GACC Midwest website

2016 Membership Structure

Membership Category	Annual Dues	# of Representatives allowed	Number of Votes	Online MN Membership Roster Listing	Online and Printed National Membership Roster Listing
Corporate	\$450	3	1	3	3
Individual	\$150	1	1	1	-
Student	\$75	1	-	-	-

Minnesota Chapter – Membership Application

The undersigned hereby applies for membership in the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Minnesota Chapter. The applicant agrees to support the mission of the organization and abide by the provisions of the bylaws of the organization. The applicant agrees to pay the annual dues during the continuance of this membership. Membership is pending the determination of eligibility by the Board of Directors of the organization.

Please indicate your category:

- MN Corporate Membership \$450 MN Student Membership \$75
 MN Individual Membership \$150 (please provide a copy of your current student ID)

To become a member of the Minnesota Chapter, please complete the Membership Application and remit with membership dues to: GACC Midwest, Minnesota Chapter, 7455 France Ave. S., #510, Edina, MN 55435.

Company Name:		
Contact Name:	Title:	
Address:		
City:	State/Zip:	
Phone:	Fax:	
Company Website:	Email Address:	
Type of Business (Activity):	NAICS Code(s):	
Year Established:	Number of U.S. Employees:	
Sales Turnover (Optional):		
Is your location a manufacturing facility <input type="checkbox"/> , a research and development facility <input type="checkbox"/> , a sales and service office <input type="checkbox"/> or company headquarters <input type="checkbox"/> ?		
Is your company an American subsidiary of a German firm? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If so, please list parent company and address:		
% German Capital:		
Your Company Brochure/Annual Report is enclosed: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Payment Information:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Payment – Type of Credit Card:		<input type="checkbox"/> Check is enclosed
Card Number:	Security Code:	Expiration:
Signature:		Date:

*The undersigned authorizes GACC Midwest to publish the company and contact information in its Membership Directory and agrees to accept announcements by GACC Midwest via mail and email.

GACC Midwest is responsible for the following Midwestern States: CO, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD and WI. The above categories of membership apply in those states that have or had Chapters of GACC Midwest. These states are Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Services available from GACC Midwest

- Advertising & Publications – contact Jasmin Welter at welter@gaccmidwest.org
- Career & HR Services – contact Justin Flaxbart at flaxbart@gaccmidwest.org
- Consulting Services – contact Virginia Attaway Rounds at rounds@gaccmidwest.org
- Christkindlmarket (GAE LLC) – contact Maren Priebe at priebe@GermanAmericanEvents.org
- Member Services – contact Kirsten Schmandt at schmandt@gaccmidwest.org

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