

CENTRAL DISTRICT TIMEBANK MEMBER POLICIES

Joining Fees

No fees!

It does take money to run the TimeBank (and we may have suggested membership fees in the future). For now, the TimeBank will be fundraising to cover costs.

New Member Orientation

1. Register for an orientation.

(Orientation is at a meeting that brings members together, includes an introduction to the database, and takes about an hour.)

2. Complete a member application at the orientation.

(You must provide us with the telephone numbers of two personal references; one can be a family member.)

It's that simple!

Members earn one "time dollar" for attending the orientation. If you cannot attend an orientation meeting, talk to us about an alternative face-to-face meeting option.

Time Dollar Balance

The important thing is that you have exchanges with the other members; there is flexibility about balances. You are encouraged keep at least one service request and one service offer posted. The TimeBank works even for those with very busy schedules; members give only what they want, when they can. Use the online database to get ideas of skills and services you might offer.

Background Checks

All TimeBank applicants go through a basic level of screening that includes a Washington State criminal background check (<https://watch.wsp.wa.gov>) and personal reference contact. A picture ID is also checked. Individuals with criminal records are generally excluded from the TimeBank, with potential exceptions for minor offenses.

Members are responsible for determining if they are comfortable interacting with another member prior to arranging an exchange. We encourage members to meet in a public location—perhaps at one of our potlucks—prior to meeting privately

Driving

Before listing a service involving the use of a vehicle, the driver must be approved by the TimeBank. Approval is based upon: 1) a good driving record; 2) adequate automobile insurance; and 3) a visual inspection of the automobile. Note that driving in order to provide a service (for example, driving from your house to a member's house to weed their garden) does not constitute using your vehicle to provide a TimeBank service. Note also that Senior Services offers a volunteer transportation program.

<http://www.seniorservices.org/transportation/Home.aspx>

Minors

Membership is open to all ages. Parent or guardian approval is required for anyone under 18. The parent or guardian is responsible for ensuring sufficient supervision is provided for any exchange of skills or services involving minors. Minors may have to their own TimeBank account or they may share an account with a parent or guardian member.

Earning Hours through Service to the TimeBank

TimeBank Steering Committee members may earn hours by participating in activities such as maintaining the website, helping with recruitment and marketing, and attending committee meetings.

Political Parties and Activities

The TimeBank is sponsored by Senior Services, which is a 501(c)(3) organization prohibited from supporting or opposing candidates for public office in any political campaign. Individual members may, of course, be politically active as individual citizens.

No Services Guarantee

Every recipient of member-provided services understands and agrees that the TimeBank does not and cannot warrant or guarantee the quality or value of those services. The TimeBank exercises no supervision or control over the provider, acts only as a coordinating organization introducing providers and recipients of services, and does so without any warranties whatsoever.

There may be situations when the service provided does not meet the expectations of the receiver. Wherever possible, appreciation of another's best efforts is part of what makes the TimeBank work. All problems should be brought to the attention of the Timebank Coordinator.

Confidentiality

All members must protect the privacy and confidentiality of other members. A member can be dismissed from the TimeBank for violating this rule. The only exception for sharing information is when a member feels that the health and/or safety of another member are in danger. Please communicate these concerns to the TimeBank immediately.

Group Activities

If a member is teaching a group with multiple students paying time dollars to attend, the teacher earns time dollars equivalent to prep and teaching time only.