

# 2019 NEW MEMBERSHIP PACKET

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN JOINING THE



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### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

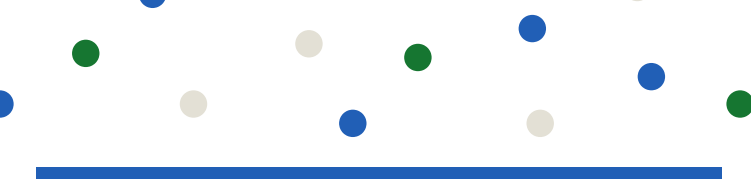
The Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce is a coalition of more than 850 area businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and individuals who pool their talents, resources, and experience to improve the local economic environment.



Our Chamber is an **ADVOCATE** for business  
Our Chamber provides great opportunities to **NETWORK** with other business professionals. Membership with the Chamber provides many exclusive **BENEFITS**. Members who give their time and talents contribute to the **SUCCESS** of the community.

**JOIN** >>> **GET INVOLVED** >>> **NETWORK** >>> **GROW**

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WHY SHOULD YOU

# **BECOME A MEMBER OF JACKSONVILLE ON SLOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?**

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You become a part of an organization that provides a strong credible voice that speaks on behalf of the business industry in Eastern Carolina.

Your membership allows you to shape your community through participation in events and involvement in special task groups that apply business oriented solutions to community concerns.

You have access to one of the most efficient, effective networking systems available to promote your business and expand your customer base.

We work tirelessly to promote our members and can provide you with resources and referrals to grow your business.

Boost your brand and community image.

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# **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

FREE Networking opportunities with businesses and elected leaders

FREE Member Welcome Receptions & Seminars

FREE Category listings in the Chamber Membership Directory distributed to 50,000 readership annually

FREE Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Ceremonies

FREE Business postings on Facebook with more than 3,100+ likes

FREE Membership Plaque with company engraving

FREE New Memberships, Renewals and advertising posted in Chamber Connection (15,000 readership monthly)

FREE Member-to-Member referrals ( We use and refer only Chamber members)

FREE Advertising in our Duke Energy Small Business Resources Room

FREE Advertising when you refer a new member

Add your logo to our website

Discount on the Leadership Program

Discount on vendor tables at annual Expo's

Discount on Meeting Spaces at Chamber of Commerce

\$55-Blast advertisements to send to over 2,300 connections

Small Business Counseling

Opportunity to participate in Chamber Committees

Member-to-Member Discounts (Member Advantage Card)

And much More.....

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# CHAMBER ANNUAL EVENTS

## What to look forward to:

**Administrative Professional Breakfast** An annual celebration that honors the hard working men and women in our community and recognizes one individual as the Administrative Professional of the Year.

**Business Expo** The largest Expo for businesses in Onslow County. It offers businesses of all sizes the opportunity to showcase their specialty and target their customers. The Expo is held every year in the month of March. Featuring more than 100 of Onslow and surrounding counties best businesses, attracting over 2,500 in attendees.

**Christmas Holiday Parade** Each year, the Saturday before Thanksgiving the Jacksonville Onslow Chamber of Commerce presents the Annual Christmas Parade. It's one of the premier parades in Eastern North Carolina

**Engaged Onslow Bridal Expo** This is your chance to engage with wedding and reception venue sites, DJ's, jewelers, bakers, caterers, florists and more – easily and at ONE time at ONE venue. The wedding experts at the Engaged Onslow Bridal Expo will help you plan the wedding of your dreams with ease. This is your opportunity to meet the professionals in person and benefit from exclusive discounts from this show.

**Education Golf Tournament** This tournament raises money for student scholarships, Salute to Excellence Program and the Sturgeon City Youth Leadership program.

**Minority Enterprise Development Week** The Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce has joined in the nationwide observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week. During the week, the Fairfield Inn & Suites Minority Entrepreneur of the Year and the Linda L. Richardson Minority Business Advocate of the Year are recognized at a special Awards Luncheon ceremony. The week's events also include an African-American Heritage Trail ribbon cutting and unveiling. MED Mingle is our third event for the week, we honor Legends of Onslow with a small ceremony and plaque. The Mingle is a great evening event for networking and fellowship.

**Small Business Week** Each year, the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce and the Coastal Carolina Community College Small Business Center provides an exceptional networking opportunity for businesses by offering free education to entrepreneurs and small business owners. The First Citizen Small Business of the Year and The Duke Energy Citizenship Service awards are traditionally presented to an awardee. At least 100 attendees attend the events.

**Public Safety Awards** The Public Safety Awards Ceremony formally recognizes a deserving public safety professional from the fields of law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical services and emergency communications, who, through the exemplary conduct of their duties, have best served the citizens of Onslow County, its municipalities, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, during the past year.

**State of the Community Breakfast** This Breakfast program focuses on economic development, healthcare, education, military, local government and the positive impact of collaborative partnerships between the Chamber and other community organizations.

**Trades Day** The Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce partners with Coastal Carolina Community College to host this annual competition for vocation- focused high school students in Onslow and Jones County High Schools. Trades Day gives these students an opportunity to be recognized for their talents. With the generosity of local businesses, students are awarded practical gifts and tools to celebrate further.