

SECTION II: MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

1. Must be located within our 14 County Service Area: Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Habersham, Hart, Jackson, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, and White. Agencies located outside of these counties must be released from the Food Bank servicing their area to become a Partner Agency with the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia.
2. Must have a 501(c) 3 tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service or complete the Addendum for Agencies without 501(c) 3.
3. Must not sell, transfer, barter or offer for sale the items supplied by the food bank in exchange for money, property or services, or otherwise allow the items to re-enter commercial channels.
4. Must be an agency that serves the needy, ill, or infants.
5. Must be an established agency, registered and approved with the food bank.
6. Must serve food directly to its clients in the form of meals or distribute packaged for emergency situations.
7. Must have adequate refrigeration and storage space to ensure the wholesomeness of the food until used, and/or redistributed.
8. If required by law, must be licensed by state and /or City as a food service establishment according to the service provider.
9. Must provide transportation to pick up food at the food bank warehouse.
10. Must be agreeable to monitoring by the food bank representatives.
11. Must be agreeable to supporting the operation of the food bank with an annual membership contribution of \$75 due January 1 or when accepted as a member agency.
12. Must be agreeable to the current maximum share contribution of .18 cents per pound for the food received.
13. Must maintain a file of all food bank receipts for one year.
14. Must not deny access to donated products on the basis of race, creed, national origin, religious affiliation, sex, sexual preference, age, or handicap.