A regional business network committed to rebuilding a local living economy that nurtures entrepreneurship, prosperity for all, vibrant community culture and a healthy natural environment.  

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Membership Application

We provide networking and educational opportunities for all members, with additional marketing and promotional support for our independent business members. We encourage all in their work to make the St. Croix Valley a great place to live and work!

Please take a few moments to answer the following questions to determine the best type of membership for you. *(Skip this survey if you do not own a business)*:

1. Is your business privately held? (not publicly traded)  yes or no

2. Do the business owners who have a controlling interest, totaling greater than 50% of the business ownership, live in Wisconsin’s Pierce, Polk, St. Croix or Minnesota’s Chisago or Washington counties?  yes or no

3. Is your business registered in the State of Wisconsin or the State of Minnesota, with no corporate or national headquarters outside of Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, Chisago or Washington counties?  yes or no

4. Do you have full autonomy to make your own independent decisions regarding your unique business and it’s purchasing, operations and distribution, as well as the name and look of your business?  yes or no

5. Do you pay all your own marketing, rent and other business expenses (without assistance from, or payment to, a corporate headquarters)?  yes or no

Thanks for taking the time to answer these questions. If you answered yes to all, you are encouraged to become a **Business Member**. If you answered no to any questions, we encourage your involvement as an **Affiliate Member** or **Supporter** of Think Local First on the St. Croix. Welcome!
Basic membership rates

____ $ 25 and more Individual supporter
____ 100 Affiliate business or organization
____ 100 Business or Sole Proprietor with revenue less than $50,000
____ 150 Business with annual revenue between $50,000-$500,000
____ 350 Business with annual revenue greater than $500,000
____ 100 Nonprofit organization: less than 25 employees
____ 200 Nonprofit with 25-100 employees
____ 350 Nonprofit with more than 100 employees

Your sustaining or founding membership allows us to increase the time we spend educating our community about the importance of supporting locally-owned businesses.

____ 500 and more Sustaining Member
____ 1,000 Founding Member, must join during 2010

Membership investment in Think Local First on the St. Croix may be tax deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense, but not as a charitable tax deduction for federal tax purposes.

Member Information

Business/organization name: Business owner:

Street address: Contact name:

City, state and zip: Email address:

Work phone:

Website address: Membership category:

Tagline: 5-6 words describing your business or organization:

Brief description, 2-3 sentences, of your business or organization to introduce you to other members:

Bring completed application with payment to a networking event or mail to:
THINK LOCAL FIRST on the St. Croix, St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 410 South Third Street, River Falls, WI 54022