**Thank You for Your Support**

Thank you for being a member of the Federation. Your membership is important to the Federation for a variety of reasons. First, members have rights to vote on decisions that direct organizational strategic direction. Second, membership is a sign of support and commitment to the work, community, and sustainability of the organization.

**More benefits of being a member**

* Networking opportunities at meetings, conferences, workshops, and trainings with black farmers, landowners, and ranchers.
* Discounts or free admission to a variety of special workshops, trainings, and our Annual Meeting
* Receive quarterly print and/or electronic newsletters on farming, landownership, and forestry
* Technical assistance from our field staff on business plans, estate planning, cooperative development, and farm/forestry management plans
* Corporate discount benefits offered to members at various businesses

You can further support the Federation further by making personal or business tax-deductible donations to support the programs, outreach, and services. For more information, please give us a call or visit our website.

Cooperatively,

Donna DeCaille,

Director of Communications & Member Relations

We are pleased that you have chosen to join the Federation of Southern Cooperatives/ Land Assistance Fund (FSC/LAF) and your respective State's Association. We hope that you become an active member and utilize the many resources that the Federation and State Associations have to offer. FSC/LAF has been working since 1967 to provide technical assistance, training marketing, fundraising, and advocacy to a membership of cooperatives and credit unions comprised of primarily African-American small farmers, timber landowners across the rural South, and low and moderate -income families interested in self-help economic development activities like credit unions, housing, and worker cooperatives.

The membership desk is specifically charged with maintaining contact with cooperative and individual members and serving as a focal point for their communications with the FSC/LAF. We encourage support of our efforts through one of the following membership categories: **1) Individual Membership $50 annually**; **2) Individual Lifetime Membership $1,000**; 3) **Cooperative Membership $300 annually.** All members receive a membership card with a number and are eligible for all services offered by the FSC/LAF. **Individual membership** is **encouraged as a way for non­ farmers as well as individual farmers to support the Federation.**

**Individual Membership Application**

Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (Please print clearly): Street:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Are you a member of a co-op, or credit union (Please circle) **YES\_\_\_ NO**
* Are you a family farmer and/or landowner? (Please Circle): **YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_**

 If yes, tell us the number of acres:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Are you having any land related problems for which you need assistance? **YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_**

Yes, briefly explain.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have a current will or an estate plan?: **YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_**

Do you have a business plan? **YES\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAYMENT**

 \_\_\_\_$50 Annual Membership Fee \_\_\_\_ $1000 Lifetime Membership \_\_\_ $ One Time Support/Donation

 Total:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Please pay by check payable to FSC/LAF or PayPal** [**PayLINK**](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=45B6ESX2MTXJL) or www.federation.coop