

Ottawa Black Coalition - Membership s Engagement Form

The Ottawa Black Coalition (OBC) is a nonprofit initiative dedicated to advocacy, equity, and community-building for Ottawa's Black communities. By becoming a member or supporter, you support collective action rooted in Africentric values and anti-racist principles.

Thank you for your interest in joining the Ottawa Black Coalition!

Please complete the form below to indicate the type of membership or role you are applying for and how you'd like to engage with OBC's mission. Once completed and signed, please email to info@ottawablackcoalition.ca.

Section 1: Contact Information

1. Please complete the below table.

Organization Name <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Full Name	
Title/Role	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Mailing Address	
Website (if applicable)	
Social Media Links	

2. Preferred Method of Communication

☐ Email

☐ Text

☐ Phone

☐ Other: _____

3. Language Preferred

☐ English

☐ French

☐ Other: _____

4. **Demographic Info (*Optional*)**. This helps with tracking representation and reporting to funders. Responses will remain confidential.

Check all that apply (optional):

☐ Black ☐ Indigenous ☐ Person of Colour ☐ Newcomer ☐ LGBTQ2S+ ☐ Youth ☐ Senior ☐ Person with Disability

Section 2: Select Your Membership or Role

**See Annex A for full details on membership types.*

1. Please select one category below:

☐ **Full Member (B3 Nonprofit)***

- Black-led, Black-serving, and Black-focused and operate as a nonprofit organization
- Governance rights, board eligibility, access to all resources and programming
- *May also include non-B3 nonprofit organizations that demonstrate deep alignment and investment in Black equity through strategic priorities, governance, and funding.

☐ **Supportive Member**

- Individual, business, or organization that supports the mission
- No governance rights, invited to select events and updates

☐ **Volunteer**

- Individual offering time or skills for events, programs, or campaigns
- No membership rights, but receives volunteer training/support

2. Board Membership Interest (*Only applicable to Full Members*)

Are you interested in being considered for OBC's Board of Directors?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please briefly describe your interest or relevant governance/leadership experience, and attach/send C.V. to info@ottawablackcoalition.ca:

Section 3: Tell Us More

1. **Why are you interested in supporting the work of the OBC?**
(Max 150 words)

2. **What skills, resources, or areas of expertise can you offer to the Coalition?**

3. **Are you interested in joining any of the following?**
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Housing C Tenant Rights
- ☐ Economic Development C Black Business
- ☐ Health C Wellness
- ☐ Education C Youth
- ☐ Arts C Culture
- ☐ Community Events C Engagement
- ☐ Communications C Media
- ☐ Advocacy C Policy
- ☐ Other: _____

Section 5: Agreements and Acknowledgments

- ☐ I confirm that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- ☐ I understand the rights and responsibilities associated with my selected membership or role.
- ☐ I agree to uphold the mission, values, and anti-racism commitment of the Ottawa Black Coalition.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Annex A: Membership & Engagement Categories Comparison

	Full Member	Supportive Member	Volunteer
Primary Role	Core member with governance rights	General supporter of the mission	Contributes time and skills to programs/ events
Eligibility	<p>B3 nonprofit (Black-led, Black-serving, Black-focused)</p> <p><i>*Also includes non-B3 nonprofits that meet the following criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consistent collaboration with B3 organizations or networks - Black equity, anti-racism, or culturally appropriate services reflected in mission/ values/ strategy - Black governance structures, advisory groups, or partnerships - Demonstrate strong financial or in-kind investment in Black-focused initiatives 	Individuals or organizations who support the mission	Any individual aligned with the mission
Voting Rights	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No
Board Eligibility	✓ Yes	✗ No	✗ No
Resource Access	✓ Full access to shared tools, grants, and programming	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Event Participation	✓ All internal and public events	✓ Public and some member events	✓ Based on agreement
Recognition	✓ Listed as full member organization	✓ Optional supporter listing	✓ Optional
Obligations	Attend meetings, report updates, uphold mission	Participate in knowledge exchange opportunities	Follow volunteer code of conduct
Formal Agreement	✓ Membership agreement	✗ No	✓ Volunteer agreement
Term	Ongoing	Open-ended	Per project