

## Frequently Asked Questions Boca Chamber

Q: What is a Chamber of Commerce?

A: An association of businesses that come together to improve the local economic climate and help members network and find new business.

Q: Is the Chamber like the Better Business Bureau?

A: No, the Chamber is not a regulatory agency, it is an association of businesses open to any company interested in growing their business.

Q: Is the Chamber affiliated with the city or county?

A: The Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce does not receive funds from the City of Boca Raton, City of Boynton Beach or Palm Beach County. However, it does work closely with them on issues that affect business and community.

Q: Is my company automatically a part of the Chamber?

A: Companies must become a member to receive the benefits of the Chamber.

Q: How much does it cost to join?

A: Investment for general businesses is based on the number of employees and is a minimum \$450 (for non-profit organizations and companies with less than 3 employees). Investment for depository institutions is based on deposit amounts, and for motels, hotels, apartments, condominiums, shopping centers and office buildings it is based on square footage.

Q: Is the Chamber a for-profit company?

A: Some Chambers are for-profit companies, but the Boca Chamber is a non-profit 501 (c) 6 organization.

Q: Are Chamber team members volunteers?

A: The GBRCC has a staff of 12 paid professionals, but also has 26 high level executives that volunteer on the board of directors, over 50 volunteer ambassadors, 6 volunteer groups and committee chairs, and over 50 volunteer committee members.

Q: What can the Chamber do for me?

A: Help your business grow, provide educational resources for your business, support tomorrow's workforce through the Golden Bell Education Foundation (which in turn provides funds to local public education), advocate for you as it relates to the local, state, and federal government agendas. We are here to help you, so contact us today to find out how!

Q: Where can I find out about upcoming events?

A: An event calendar inside of Boca Chamber CONNECTION, which is printed every quarter, or the online events calendar [www.bocaratonchamber.com](http://www.bocaratonchamber.com)

Q: How many members do you have?

A: Over 1,700 member companies representing over 130,000 employees with whom you may build relationships.

Q: How do I join?

A: Stop by our offices at 1800. N. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton, FL 33432 or at 1880 N. Congress Ave, Ste. 219, Boynton Beach, FL 33426 and fill out a simple membership form. Our office hours are Mondays: 9:30am - 5:00pm, Tuesdays - Fridays: 8:30am - 5:00pm. The form is also available online. For more information about membership, you may call (561) 395-4433 ext. 236.