2027 Annual Memberships & Program Sponsorships

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2027 Annual Membership Drive

Or Become a Member Online: dcedc.org/members

Annual memberships support the mission and goals of DCEDC to help drive and promote economic and community development in DeKalb County!

DCEDC is a registered 501c3 organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

Membership Levels

☐ **Non-profit organization**
We're here to help support our fellow non-profits. Mutual support of events and/or org news.

☐ **Entrepreneur - $75**
For our entrepreneurs/start-up businesses! Get support and exposure for your new business venture. Please contact DCEDC or visit dcedc.org/members to see if you qualify for this tier.

☐ **Supporter - $500**

☐ **Contributor - $1,500**

☐ **Partner - $3,000**

☐ **Investor - $5,000**

☐ **Other Amount:** _____

☐ **Collaborator - $10,000**

☐ **Enthusiast - $20,000**

☐ **Visionary - $30,000**

☐ **Strategic Partner - $50,000+**

☐ **NEW! Make this membership recurring - lock in a three-year committment!**
We will invoice you annually for years two and three at the same membership level.

Membership Contact Information

Name/Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____ Social media channels: _____

Contact Name/Title: _____ Date: _____

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Membership Benefits by Level

Membership Level	Less than $500	Non-Profit	Entreprenuer $75	Supporter $500	Contributor $1,500	Partner $3,000	Investor $5,000	Collaborator $10,000	Enthusiast $20,000	Visionary $30,000	Strategic Partner $50,000+
Member Rate for Events	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Name on DCEDC Website		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Annual Meeting Ticket(s)				1	2	2	2	4	8	8	10
Name in Annual Meeting Program		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Logo on DCEDC website		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Social Media Spotlight(s)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Logo in Annual Meeting Program							X	X	X	X	X
Free 1-time use Event Ticket(s)							1	2	4	6	8
Featured Business Profile on DCEDC Website								X	X	X	X
Reserved Table at Annual Meeting									X	X	X
Priority Getro Career listings									X	X	X

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2027 Program Sponsorship Packet

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Sponsorships make a direct impact toward specific DCEDC strategic initiatives and programming this year!

This support is separate from an annual membership. These contributions support targeted progamming during the calendar year.

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Programming Areas

Marketing

Includes:

- Sponsorship for Annual Event & Economic Outlook Luncheon
- Social media content
- Email newsletters & outreach
- Placer.ai software
- Branding
- Podcast development
- DCEDC 40th Anniversary Celebration

Leadership

Includes:

- Elevate Young Professionals
- Leadership summits for targeted topics such as energy

Rural Vitality

Includes:

- Rural Vitality Exchange events
- Summits
- Grant writing support
- Community development supports & resources

Talent Pipeline & Workforce Development

Includes:

- Career/Skills Trees for K-12 students
- Career Fairs
- Internship program development
- "Rally Your Community"
- GCamp

Variety of Support Levels for Each Programming Area!

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Marketing Sponsorship Levels

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Become an early bird sponsor of DCEDC's annual events for 2027:

2027 Annual Breakfast (40th Anniversary Celebration)

- ☐ **Premier - $10,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $5,000**
- ☐ **Gold- $2,500**
- ☐ **Silver- $1,000**
- ☐ **Bronze - $500**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

2027 Economic Outlook Luncheon

- ☐ **Premier - $10,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $5,000**
- ☐ **Gold- $2,500**
- ☐ **Silver- $1,000**
- ☐ **Bronze - $500**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

General Marketing Operations Support

Branding, Placer.ai software, Swag, Paid Social Media, other outreach.

- ☐ **Premier - $10,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $5,000**
- ☐ **Gold- $2,500**
- ☐ **Silver- $1,000**
- ☐ **Bronze - $500**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

NEW! Podcast development: "Ideas Grow Here: Economic Development in DeKalb County, IL"

Barbed wire, hybrid seed corn, NIU -- ideas literally grew here! Episodes will cover entreprenuers, innovation, site selection, workforce, community initiatives, rural challenges, energy, & more.

- ☐ **Premier - $10,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $5,000**
- ☐ **Gold- $2,500**
- ☐ **Silver- $1,000**
- ☐ **Bronze - $500**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

Marketing Sponsorship Contact Information

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Contact Name/Title: _____ Date: _____

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Leadership Sponsorship Levels

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Become an early bird sponsor of our Energy Summit planned for 2027:



Energy Summit Sponsor

- ☐ **Premier - $10,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $5,000**
- ☐ **Gold- $2,500**
- ☐ **Silver- $1,000**
- ☐ **Bronze - $500**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

DCEDC ELEVATE

Elevate is a county-wide young professionals organization designed by and for young professionals (~ages of 18-45) that live or work in DeKalb County. One of the goals of DCEDC is to connect people in the communities of DeKalb County; if people are engaged and involved where they live or work, they will want to stay in the place they have grown roots.

Visit dcedc.org/elevate for more details!

Elevate Young Professionals

- ☐ **Premier - $5,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $2,500**
- ☐ **Gold- $1,000**
- ☐ **Silver- $500**
- ☐ **Bronze - $250**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

Leadership Sponsorship Contact Information

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Rural Vitality Sponsorship Levels

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Grant Writer Salary

Supports hiring of dedicated grantwriter for DeKalb County communities and organizations. (Restricted funds)

- ☐ **Premier - $10,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $5,000**
- ☐ **Gold- $2,500**
- ☐ **Silver- $1,000**
- ☐ **Bronze - $500**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**



Grant Funding for Rural Communities

Supports direct grant funding by DCEDC for projects for rural DeKalb County communities and organizations. Restricted grant (non-operational budget) funds.

- ☐ **Premier - $10,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $5,000**
- ☐ **Gold- $2,500**
- ☐ **Silver- $1,000**
- ☐ **Bronze - $500**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

Rural Vitality Exchange & Summits

Visit dcedc.org/rural-vitality for more details!

- ☐ **Premier - $15,000**
- ☐ **Platinum- $10,000**
- ☐ **Gold- $5,000**
- ☐ **Silver- $2,500**
- ☐ **Bronze - $1,000**
- ☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

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Talent Pipeline & Workforce Development Sponsorship Levels

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In 2026, DCEDC introduced speaker Mark C. Perna and his "Career Trees" to DeKalb County – taking them into the DeKalb School District, out to Fun Jam in the Park, and out to NIU's STEMFest.

In 2027, we want to grow the "Career Trees" forest further across DeKalb County into additional schools and community events. Your sponsorship supports organization of DCEDC career fairs and expos (for students and adults!) and development of additional "Career Trees" to cover additional job fields.

This funding also supports initial development of a high school internship opportunities through DCEDC. Area employers are interested and we're ready to collaborate with programs such as GCAMP, which is aimed at building workforce pipelines between manufacturers and students. Plus, Mark C. Perna's new "Rally your Community" program that connects education, employers, and economic development.

Help keep our talented future workforce in DeKalb County!

Workforce Development & Talent Pipeline Support

- ☐ **Premier - $10,000**
- ☐ **Platinum - $5,000**
- ☐ **Gold - $2,500**
- ☐ **Silver - $1,000**
- ☐ **Bronze - $500**

☐ **Make this sponsorship recurring!**

Talent Pipeline & Workforce Development Sponsorship Contact Information

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