



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce

**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 to find new customers.

**Q:** Is the Chamber like the Better Business Bureau? **A:** No, the Chamber is not a regulatory agency; it is an association of businesses. Membership is open to any company interested in growing.

**Q:** Is the Chamber affiliated with the city or county? **A:** The Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce (HSCC) does not receive funds from Martin County. However, it does work closely with the County and neighboring municipalities on issues that affect business and the community.

**Q:** Is my company automatically a part of the Chamber? **A:** Although we aim to be a resource for everyone, companies must become a member to truly receive the full 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 \$175 (for non-profit organizations) and \$250 (for companies with less than 3 employees).

**Q:** Do you have to own a business or be an employee of a local business to join the Chamber? **A:** No. The Hobe Sound Chamber offers Social Memberships for \$150 a year. Social Memberships are designed for residents & retirees who don't need to advertise however, they share a vested interest in the business community and wish to stay connected & informed while participating socially.

**Q:** Is the Chamber a for-profit company? **A:** Some Chambers are for-profit companies, but Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit 501 (c) 6 organization.

**Q:** Are Chamber team members volunteers? **A:** The HSCC has a staff of 3 paid professionals, but also has 17 high level executives that volunteer on the board of directors, over 15 volunteer ambassadors, 10 volunteer committee chairs, and 15 dedicated community volunteers that help us with day-to-day operations and our visitor center.

**Q:** What can the Chamber do for me? **A:** Help your business grow, provide educational resources for your business, 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 events calendar is online at [www.hobesound.org](http://www.hobesound.org).

**Q:** How do I join? **A:** Stop by our offices at (11954 SE Dixie Hwy, Hobe Sound 33455) and fill out a simple form. The form is also available online, [www.hobesound.org](http://www.hobesound.org) . For more information about membership, you may call 772-546-4724 and speak to Jan Otten, Director of Member Services.