

# EUREKA FOUNDATION

## Membership Application

The Eureka Foundation is a non-profit organization with a simple purpose -  
**to bring prosperity to Eureka, Kansas.**

This means doing the little things that make a visitor feel welcome. It also means doing the big things to make it easy for people and businesses to be here. The Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization funded by the member's dues, proceeds from local investments, events, and merchandise as well as grants, donations, and endowments. **You can help.** Become of a member of the Foundation and take an active part in the rebirth of Eureka. Anyone with a passion for Eureka can join, and membership dues are only \$20 per year. You can give a membership as a gift and also pre-pay multiple years if you like.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Did you graduate from Eureka? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

Committees I am interested in helping with are:

_____ Membership	_____ Newsletter
_____ Structure Demolition	_____ Board Member
_____ Hedgeball Chuckin' Contest	_____ Brainstorming
_____ Main Street Beautification	_____ Other _____
_____ Fund Raising	_____

Mail application and check to: Eureka Foundation  
PO Box 247  
Eureka, KS 67045

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In 1857, a cattleman named Edwin Tucker brought a grassy field between a spring and a river in the Kansas Frontier for \$50 and started the Eureka Townsite Company. From that point on, Tucker devoted his life to making his investment (and Eureka) grow and prosper. Tucker and other “Town Fathers” marketed Eureka much like a coming circus attraction, posting flyers around the nation inviting settlers to come to their fledgling town.

If the town needed a butcher, the Fathers would recruit one, perhaps even giving him stake money to get started. When the town needed a school, the Fathers built one, and Tucker was one of the early teachers.

Now, almost 150 years later, few of the descendants of the original town fathers (and mothers) remain. A new generation has taken the banner in Eureka, with all the enthusiasm and energy of the original founders. Some are here to start a new life and new ventures, some come to raise their kids in a place without worry, other to retire in a place that simply feels like home. All of them want Eureka not just to survive, but prosper under their watch.

These people have decided Eureka will not go quietly into the night. These people have driven stake in Eureka and decided that they will prevail or fail, together.

**These are the people of the Eureka Foundation.**

The Foundation embodies the spirit of those early founders, driving Eureka toward prosperity with hard work, clever minds and endless optimism – making history by grabbing the bull by the horns and making Eureka happen.

No whiners allowed.

**Brief list of some of the events and accomplishments in the past two years:**

**Non-profit 501c3 status approved:** The IRS approved the Foundation’s 501c3 non-profit status in 2005, opening the door to tax-deductible donations, endowments and grants.

**Main Street Beautification Project:** The foundation partnered with the City of Eureka to offer Main Street Façade Improvement Grants. Totalling \$2000 annually, these 50/50 matching grants are available to Main Street Business owners and helps cover improvement costs to the outside of their buildings. On the fourth Saturday of every month, Foundation volunteers meet on Main Street to help building owners paint and make improvements to their buildings. To date, the Foundation has helped with seven buildings and has repainted the playground equipment and picnic tables at the City Park.

**Hedgeball Chuckin’ Contest:** The Foundation hosts an annual HBC that draws thousands of contestants and spectators from around the country.

**Major Cleanup Initiative Launched:** In July 2006, the Foundation teamed up with City of Eureka to help with the demolition of dilapidated structures around town. To date, the Foundation has helped with the removal of three houses and one building that in recent years had been near collapse and had been used for illegal drug activities. This initiative is intended to accelerate an under funded City program, where structures, beyond repair are torn down to make way for new construction.

**Main Street Building Donated to the Foundation:** The family of longtime Eureka residents donated the former Chase & Myers building on Main Street as a tax-deductible donation. The building, located at 203 N Main, was built in 1877 and was originally a drugstore. Later the building was converted to a law office. The Foundation plans to use the building to promote economic development in Eureka.

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