

The UJAMAA BLESSINGS PROGRAM from Sunflower Tapestry

Program Rules, Terms and Conditions

Eligibility

- The church or faith-based organization must be tax-exempt under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- It must be a church or other faith-based organization that has as spiritual or religious teaching or edification as its core activity.
- It must not have greater than one thousand congregation members or less than fifty (not counting church officers).
- It must operate in New York State.
- It must have a physical location in New York State – other than a home residence.
- It must apply for program membership and be approved by Sunflower Tapestry.
- Sunflower Tapestry is a Registered Home Bakery with the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and as such is authorized to sell restricted baked goods within New York State only. Program participants agree to adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Code of Conduct, Ethical Standards

- The faith-based organization must have a code of conduct and ethical standards policy which adheres to all applicable state and local statutes or laws in writing and church officials must adhere to its own internal code of conduct and ethical standards policy.
- This code of conduct and ethical standards policy is for internal use only but must be made available if requested by Sunflower Tapestry.
- The faith-based organization and its representative church officials must comply with all civil and criminal laws of New York State and its localities.

Membership

- Sunflower Tapestry will work with not more than 12 faith-based organizations and/or a total congregation size of five thousand members.
- Interested churches must apply for membership via the Sunflower Tapestry main website www.sunflowertapestry.net.
- Membership is based on eligibility and availability only.
- Once the application form is submitted, all applications will be notified within one week of submission.
- Membership is for one year. It is automatically renewed for next year.
- Membership is not guaranteed and can be revoked by either or both parties, Sunflower Tapestry and/or the member church, for any reason at all including breaches in behavior, conduct, public scandals or suspected criminal behavior.
- Sunflower Tapestry may keep a wait list for churches interested in working with the Ujamaa Blessings Program in the future based on eligibility and availability.
- Sunflower Tapestry does not discriminate against any faith-based organization based on race, color, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Participant faith-based organizations are not affiliates of Sunflower Tapestry in any way; nor is Sunflower Tapestry to market itself as an affiliate of any Ujamaa Blessing Program faith-based organization participants.
- Participation in the Ujamaa Blessing Program from Sunflower Tapestry is not an endorsement of any church members, programs, beliefs or policies in any way by Sunflower Tapestry.

Program Benefits

- The Ujamaa Blessing Program is not an entitlement program.
- The Ujamaa Blessing Program operates in New York State and its localities only.
- Churches or faith-based organizations must have a sales tax-exempt certificate on file with Sunflower Tapestry.
- All purchases are subject to state and local sales tax. Congregation members are not automatically exempt from state and local sales tax. All tax-exempt purchases must be made in compliance with state and local codes and laws.
- Member churches will receive a 15% tax-deductible donation from Sunflower Tapestry based on the total baked goods paid sales of their congregation members.
- The tax-deductible donation will be sent to the participant church on a monthly basis on or around the fifteenth of the succeeding month. For instance, the 15% tax-deductible donation on total paid sales from January 1st to January 31st received from church A congregation will be sent via FedEx to church A on or around February 15th.
- For the baked goods sale to qualify for the 15% tax-deductible donation, the buyer must supply Sunflower Tapestry with the church code and alert Sunflower Tapestry to his/her affiliation with the church. If the buyer fails to inform Sunflower Tapestry of his/her affiliation at the time of the sale, then he or she forfeits the 15% tax-deductible donation for that purpose. Sunflower Tapestry is not responsible for the loss of any eligible donations.
- Purchases made online via www.etsy.com/shop/sunflowertapestry123 are eligible for the Ujamaa Blessings Program provided that the purchaser enter the appropriate church code at the time of order. Not all baked goods are available via the online www.etsy.com shop.
- Online orders at www.etsy.com/shop/sunflowertapestry123 with the church code receive an additional 5% discount at the checkout for all items purchased.
- Baked goods orders may be picked up by arrangement at a NYC location to be arranged at no extra cost. Sunflower Tapestry delivers only to the five boroughs of New York City and Westchester Counties. Ujamaa Blessings Program participants pay a reduced delivery flat fee of \$15 for delivery within New York City and Westchester Counties. All other New York State counties are eligible to participate but they must arrange pick up of their baked good purchases or purchase online via www.etsy.com/shop/sunflowertapestry123.
- It is the hope and the intention of Sunflower Tapestry that its tax-deductible donations will be used to build sustainable families and communities. If Sunflower Tapestry learns that any of its church participants are engaging in activities which Sunflower Tapestry deems to be contrary to building sustainable families and communities, Sunflower Tapestry will withhold all current and future funding at once without further explanation.
- The church participants, specifically the CEO/Administrator of the church facility is solely responsible for the use or misuse of any funds received via the Ujamaa Blessings Program from Sunflower Tapestry.

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