

THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP



2024

TENNESSEE GROCERS & CONVENIENCE STORE ASSOCIATION



TQCSA CONVENTION & EXPO
MAY 10-14, 2023 | NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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- Decker
- H&B
- HG
- Publix

PLATINUM PARTNERS

- Chapala
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GOLD PARTNERS

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SEVIERVILLE

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 19:00
Early Set-Up
Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 08:00
TUOCSA Champ
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Board Meeting
Annual Meeting
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After Dinner
Smooth Sale

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 08:00
Breakfast Di
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Chancellor
Sports Coun

The mission of the Tennessee Grocers & Convenience Store Association is to promote and support the growth and success of the food industry in Tennessee through advocacy, education, public relations, and networking.

TGCSA represents all tiers of Tennessee's food industry, including:

- Retail grocery and convenience stores
- Wholesalers
- Distributors
- Food manufacturers
- Food industry service companies



ADVOCACY

TGCSA was founded on the principle that the food industry is better off if it is seated at the table when public policy is being made. TGCSA is your advocate before the state legislature, and all regulatory and policy-making agencies.

In recent years we have secured major victories for our members, including:

- 2012 - Extending the schedule for distribution of SNAP benefits from a ten-day period to a twenty-day period, smoothing out major disruptions in product distribution and labor scheduling
- 2014 - Securing the ability for retail food stores to sell wine
- 2016 – Increasing the commission on cigarettes from 8% to 15%
- 2017 – Prohibiting local laws banning plastic bags, Styrofoam containers
- 2018 – Allowing for wine & spirit sales seven days a week (Sunday sales)
- Pandemic - TGCSA maintained weekly meetings with the Governor, FEMA, TEMA, and other key departments to ensure the industry remained well-supplied and informed.
- 2023 – Allowing for food store sales of “ready to drink” wine-based cocktails

The list of bad ideas proposed in the Tennessee General Assembly during is too long to include here! TGCSA has a strong record of defeating these bad ideas.

By adding your company’s voice to the unified voice of Tennessee’s food industry, we all become stronger.

In 2024 we will be engaged in fights in many areas, including:

- Environmental law
- Taxation
- Labor law
- Crime
- Regulation
- And many more!

We are fighting for you.

Victory gets closer when you join the fight!

“Our investment in TGCSA membership has contributed to several legislative victories, which have impacted our bottom line and have paid for that investment many times over.” Judson Naifeh, Owner, Naifeh Food Stores

SCHOLARSHIPS

Valuable higher education scholarships are available to associates, and children and spouses of associates, of TGCSA member companies, through the Tennessee Grocers Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Since its inception, TGEF has awarded more than \$4.2 million in scholarships for college!

2023 -2024 Scholarship year

107 Scholarships were issued totaling \$140,050

2022 -2023 Scholarship year

97 Scholarships were issued totaling \$127,600



SCHOLARSHIPS ARE WAITING
You are a click away from a better future!

Apply Today
www.TGEFonline.org/Scholarships

Since 1985, TGCSA members have benefited from:

\$4.3 million in TGEF Scholarships

Applications are open from Dec. 1 through Mar. 15, 2024

TGEF scholarships are available to high school seniors, college and graduate students who are employed by TGCSA member companies or are dependents.

2023-2024 TGEF SCHOLARS



During the 2023 -2024 academic year, **TGEF Issued 107 Scholarships totaling \$140,050.**



Tennessee Scholars are attending colleges and universities in 19 States. **Over 81% of scholars studying in Tennessee.**



Students submitted **479 applications** in the 23-24 scholarship cycle, from students representing **over 70 TGCSA Member Companies.**



Our scholars are **majoring in 40+ different fields.**

Top Majors:

Business Management - **8**
Nursing - **8**
Biological Sciences - **6**
Computer Science - **6**
Psychology - **5**

Top Colleges & Universities:

East Tennessee State University - **7**
Tennessee Technological University - **5**
The University of Tennessee Knoxville - **5**
Middle Tennessee State University - **4**
Western Kentucky University - **4**

You can make an impact

Through TGEF your company can create its own scholarship program for its associates. This is a great way to add a benefit for your employees and realize tax savings.

TGEF Scholarship dollars benefitting the families that work for us is an incredible benefit of TGCSA membership.” Steve Smith, CEO, K-VA-T Food Stores



TGCSA CONVENTION & EXPO

THE ANNUAL TGCSA CONVENTION AND EXPO OFFERS A VARIETY OF TARGETED EDUCATIONAL AND INTERACTIVE SESSIONS, KEYNOTE ADDRESSES AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ATTENDEES WITH KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM INDUSTRY AND STATE LEADERS.



MAY 14-16, 2024
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE
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**TENNESSEE'S
BEST BAGGER**

**BUSINESS
CONNECT**



The friendships and business connections I have forged at TGCSA events have made a huge impact on our company's success."

- Jay Mitchell, Mitchel Food Center

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS



TGCSA'S ROBUST EVENT OFFERINGS PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES AND VALUED BUSINESS PARTNERS. WHETHER CLOSING DEALS, ENHANCING RELATIONSHIPS, OR JUST HAVING FUN, TGCSA EVENTS ENHANCE EVERY MEMBER'S PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE....



STAY INFORMED

OUR REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS AND TIMELY ALERTS KEEP YOU UP TO DATE ON CRITICAL INDUSTRY NEWS AND LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS. DON'T BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD...



The **Check out**

- USDA Rural Energy for America Program – Loans and Grants for Energy Efficiency
- Are You Ready? FDA-Enforced Food Traceability is Here
- NYT Opinion Video Supports the Fight Against Swipe Fees
- FMS - Same-Store Sales
- Fraudulent Coupon Alert
- In the News

USDA Rural Development

USDA Rural Energy for America Program – Loans and Grants for Energy Efficiency

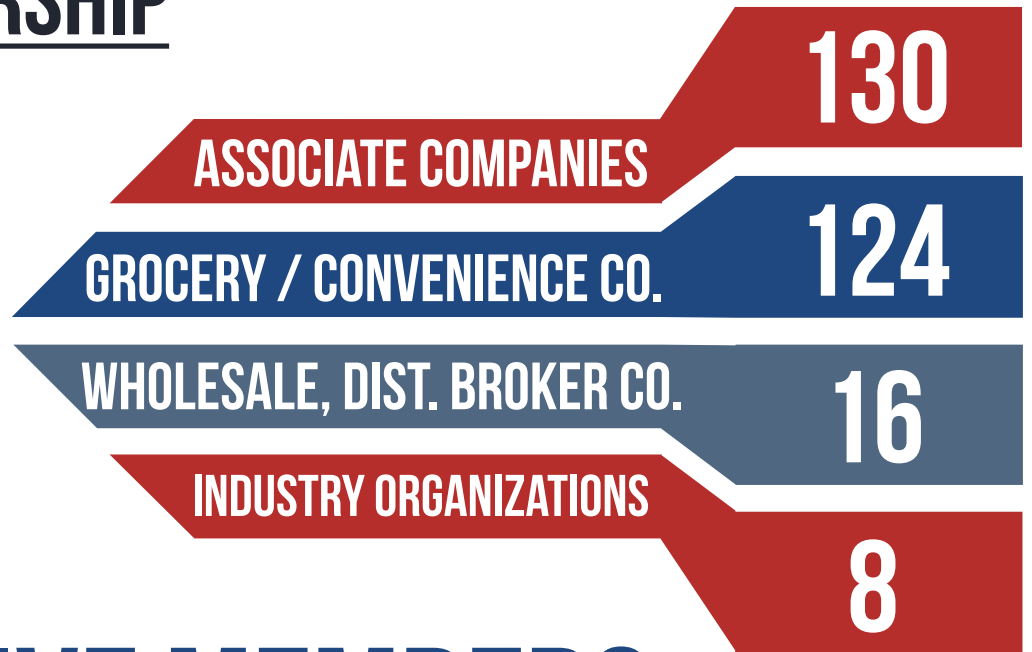
USDA Rural Development's Tennessee office continues to see more interest in our Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). As we fund record-levels of


**WEEKLY EMAIL
THE CHECKOUT**


**PRINTED
PUBLICATIONS**

“TGCSA played a critical role in helping our company navigate the shifting regulatory landscape during the COVID crisis. Without their regular updates we would have been at a loss to know how to proceed”
– Rick James, owner, Memphis Cash Saver

OUR MEMBERSHIP



278 ACTIVE MEMBERS

1078

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