

# Membership Drive

2024-2025



The **ELO** Network

## Membership Benefits:

**Funding Opportunities:** Members can be eligible for ELO grants as available. Local, regional, and national funding opportunities are researched and promoted within the ELO Network. Your membership shows community collaboration to other funders.

**Opportunities for Leadership:** The ELO Network has many opportunities to be involved in leadership. Committees include the following: Quality Committee, Data & Evaluation Committee, Executive Team, Advocacy Committee.

**Newsletter & Network Website:** The ELO Network offers a subscription to an online newsletter, and the most up-to-date resources including ELO member updates, national after school research, funding opportunities, and professional development workshops.

**Professional Development & Celebrations:** The ELO Network offers professional development workshops to drive better practices and outcomes for children, as well as free quality self-assessment tools and evaluation resources. The annual Lights On Afterschool! event illuminates the importance youth program in the lives of our young people. And, the annual ELO Network Awards embrace and acknowledge practitioners in the field who deserve recognition for a job well done!

**Professional Learning Community:** The ELO Network has grown since 2001 to a collaboration of over 50 member organizations, including after school providers, business partners, nonprofits, elected officials, and parents. Our collaborative model brings many voices around the table to plan and promote out-of-school time programs and to share best practices.

### Other Membership Benefits Include:

Social Media Exposure | Data Management System | Member Logos on the ELO Website



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By becoming a member of the ELO Network, you're supporting quality standards for afterschool programs and ensuring that youth in the Greater Grand Rapids Community will have brighter futures. To join, email [sharris@grcity.us](mailto:sharris@grcity.us).



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# Letter of Commitment

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## Mission:

To ensure that children have access to quality afterschool programs that prepare them for college, work, and life.

## Membership Requirements:

- Commitment to the ELO vision, mission, and goals
- Use of ELO Quality Standards of Care in out-of-school time programs
- Regular commitment participation
- Annual renewal of commitment of the ELO Network (requires a signed letter of commitment)

By signing this letter your organization is indicating your commitment and participation to the work and mission of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Network for one year to ensure every child in the Grand Rapids Community has access to quality out-of-school time programs. You are also allowing the name of your organization to be listed publicly as a partner organization in the ELO Network.

As ELO members, we are committed to excellence, inclusion, safe spaces, and success. We believe in best practices and strive to excel providing positive outcomes for children.

With the full authority of \_\_\_\_\_ (organization) the signature below signifies the organization's full support of the vision, mission, and goals, of the ELO Network. On page two, please identify staff to represent your organization at regularly scheduled meetings of the ELO Network and its committees.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Director/CEO: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

*The following names are the delegated contact people for the following organization.*

Name & Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please select one:*

**Individual Memberships:      Suggested Annual Dues:**

Individual      \$100

**Organizational Memberships:**

Budgets up to \$250,00      \$175 Minimum

\$250,000 - \$750,000      \$225 Recommended

More than \$750,000      \$275 Recommended

Please click here if you or your organization need financial assistance for your membership.

\*Contributing members voluntarily contribute \$50 above their due levels in support of the ELO Network will be recognized as GOLD members in all ELO Network's promotional materials.

Payment Information

Check - make check to Our Community's Children  
Please mail checks to: Our Community's Children  
245 State St SE; 2nd Floor  
Grand Rapids, MI  
49503

Debit/Credit Card  
Please send an email to [sharris@grcity.us](mailto:sharris@grcity.us) if you'd like to receive an electronic invoice to pay by debit or credit card.

Invoice  
Billing name and address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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For more information contact:

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