



Fibershed Affiliate Program

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The Fibershed Affiliate Program is a membership program of Fibershed, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Northern California. The Fibershed Affiliate Program is based in an international grassroots network that promotes local community development, including economic and non-economic growth, in the form of building relationships and creating connections. Fibershed Affiliate membership is not a tool for individual business or personal growth or marketing.

Fibershed Affiliates are grounded in place-based community organizing efforts that work to connect fiber farmers, processors and artisans. For Fibershed Affiliate members who wish to contribute, Fibershed offers ways to share your stories, and enhance your organizing efforts, through online Webinars, social media, networking, and project feedback.

At the core of a Fibershed Affiliate is a designated strategic geography, identification of one or more Affiliate organizer(s), and thoughtful consideration of the vision and goals for Affiliate activities. Some Affiliate members join the Affiliate Program after initiating or undertaking projects that meet Fibershed's parameters of local fibers, local dyes, and local labor, while other Affiliate members choose to join at the outset of a project. All levels of experience and engagement are welcome, and we hope that the Fibershed Affiliate Program can lend strength to your community at any stage of organization. Please take a few moments to review the Fibershed Affiliate Program page on our website to explore and become familiar with existing Affiliate groups and projects:

<http://fibershed.com/affiliates>

Application Process

To join the Fibershed Affiliate Program, please complete the application on the reverse and follow the directions for submission. Upon receipt of your application, we will review your information and contact you to schedule a phone or email conversation to learn more about your vision and goals for your Fibershed Affiliate (please allow up to two weeks for this process). Once an application is approved, we will ask that you review and sign a membership agreement, which provides community guidelines and licensing information. Upon receipt of the signed agreement, we will send a welcome email that includes new Affiliate member resources and access to optional Affiliate networking tools. Within one week of approval, new Fibershed Affiliate members receive the license to use a custom version of the Fibershed logo as a symbol of the goods, services, and events generated by your region, including custom-designed logo files.

Affiliate Application

All projects using a Fibershed Affiliate name and logo will share a core set of values:

- Your resource base is defined by a clearly understood geography (could be small or large; 20 miles or 300 miles)
- All the fibers and dyes are grown in this region
- All the labor to create your goods is sourced in this region

Exceptions to the rule in the Northern CA Fibershed, which may also to be exceptions in yours if needed:

- Sewing notions: zippers, grommets, buttons, silk backing for alpaca felting
- Milling of fine fibers, including wool, alpaca, and cotton (We had to send out some of the processing of these fibers to research mills, and we expect some regions will also need to do the same.)

Name of your Fibershed Project _____

Region you represent _____

Area of fibershed (i.e. within how many miles of location) _____

Name(s) of person or persons representing your project _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Website or blog _____

Reference name _____

Reference address _____

Reference phone number _____

Reference email _____

Reference relationship _____

Please fill in the information requested, and send a copy to us by email to: office@fibershed.com

Alternatively, you may print this form, fill in the information requested, and send a copy to us by mail:

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