

## *KFTC Associate Chapter Petition Form*

County or Chapter Name

Date

A petition for acceptance as an associate chapter must be made to the KFTC membership at the Annual Membership Meeting in October. In the event a new associate chapter is formed between membership meetings, the petition must be made to the KFTC Steering Committee.

Failure to meet the obligations of an associate chapter will result in the loss of associate chapter status and all accompanying benefits.

*We hereby petition the membership of the Kentuckians For The Commonwealth to be accepted as an associate chapter.*

### *Associate Chapter Rights*

1. to be a formal part of Kentuckians For The Commonwealth, a statewide citizens social justice organization which uses direct-action community organizing methods
2. to make recommendations on issues and programs in the annual platform setting process
3. to participate in KFTC statewide events, issues, programs, and Steering Committee meetings (although Associate Chapters do not have voting rights at Steering Committee meetings)
4. to have a staff person assigned to the associate chapter to provide a minimal amount of organizing support for special events and projects
5. to nominate members for KFTC statewide offices and committees
6. to participate in multi-county fundraisers, if desired, to meet the annual fundraising requirement
7. to submit articles and local updates to *balancing the scales*
8. to review all official KFTC records

*Associate Chapter Responsibilities*

1. to elect an associate chapter coordinator and alternate who shall have the responsibility to see the associate chapter's duties are fulfilled
2. to have associate chapter representatives attend the KFTC Annual Membership Meeting
3. to have an associate chapter meeting in August to petition as an associate chapter, make recommendations to the KFTC platform and elect representatives, and set membership and fundraising goals for the year
4. to develop an associate chapter phone tree and participate in KFTC issues
5. to have 20 KFTC members
6. to have at least one fundraising event for KFTC each year
7. to support KFTC's goals; to work on KFTC's statewide platform issues; and to use direct-action organizing methods

We understand and agree to all the benefits, responsibilities, and procedures listed above. We understand that as an associate chapter, we are not automatically entitled to staff, legal or organizational support, and that members of chapters get priority over associate chapters for statewide officer and committee positions, as well as for other KFTC resources (*balancing the scales, publicity, mailings, workshops*).

Associate Chapter Representative

Associate Chapter Alternate

**APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE:**

KFTC Chairperson

Date

*Please attach a list of members who attended the local meeting where it was decided that associate chapter status would be requested of KFTC.*