



The Greater Ohio Showmen's Association ("GOSA," "we," "our," or "us") respects the privacy of our members, website visitors, event participants, applicants, advertisers, and others who interact with our organization. This Privacy Policy explains the types of information we may collect, how that information may be used and protected, and the choices available to you.

Information We Collect

GOSA may collect personal information that you voluntarily provide when you:

- Apply for or renew a GOSA membership;
- Register for an event, meeting, or program;
- Submit an award, scholarship, or other application or nomination;
- Purchase advertising, publications, memberships, event registrations, or other products or services;
- Complete an online form or survey;
- Contact GOSA by email, telephone, website form, or other means; or
- Subscribe to GOSA newsletters, announcements, or other communications.

Information collected may include your name, business or organization name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, membership information, event registration information, transaction information, and other information necessary to provide GOSA programs and services.

WildApricot Membership and Website Services

GOSA uses **WildApricot**, a third-party membership management and website platform, to help operate portions of our website and administer services such as membership applications and renewals, member accounts and profiles, event registrations, online forms, email communications, and other association functions.

Information submitted through GOSA's WildApricot website or member portal may be collected, transmitted, processed, and stored through WildApricot's systems.

WildApricot may also automatically collect certain technical information associated with the use of its services, such as IP addresses, browser or device information, cookies, login information, and website activity.

WildApricot's collection, processing, storage, and protection of information is also governed by its own privacy and security practices and applicable terms of service.

Members and website visitors are encouraged to review WildApricot's privacy information for additional details about how information processed through its platform is handled.

How We Use Your Information

GOSA may use information we collect to:

- Establish, maintain, and renew memberships;
- Maintain member accounts and profiles;
- Process event registrations, applications, nominations, purchases, and other transactions;
- Maintain GOSA membership and organizational records;
- Communicate with members about GOSA programs, events, meetings, deadlines, benefits, and industry information;
- Produce membership directories, yearbooks, newsletters, digital publications, and other GOSA materials when applicable;
- Administer awards, scholarships, events, and programs;
- Respond to questions and requests;
- Improve our website, programs, communications, and member services;
- Maintain the security and integrity of GOSA systems and records; and
- Comply with applicable legal, regulatory, accounting, and reporting requirements.

GOSA does not sell personal information to third parties for their independent marketing purposes.

Payment Processing and Online Transactions

GOSA may accept online payments for membership dues, event registrations, advertising, publications, merchandise, and other products or services through its WildApricot website and associated payment-processing services.

When you make an online payment, payment information such as your credit or debit card information may be transmitted directly to the applicable third-party payment processor for authorization and processing.

GOSA does not intentionally store complete credit or debit card numbers on its own systems when payments are processed through WildApricot and its associated third-party payment-processing services.

Payment processors and financial institutions may collect and process payment information according to their own privacy policies, terms, security procedures, and legal requirements.

GOSA takes reasonable steps to use reputable third-party providers for online transactions. However, no electronic payment, transmission, or storage system can be guaranteed to be completely secure.

Refund Policy: NO REFUNDS

Third-Party Service Providers

GOSA may use third-party service providers, including WildApricot, to assist with website hosting, membership management, member communications, email delivery, event registration, payment processing, accounting, and other administrative or organizational services.

Information may be provided to these service providers when reasonably necessary for them to perform services on GOSA's behalf.

These third parties may maintain their own privacy policies, security practices, and terms governing their handling of information.

Member Directory and GOSA Publications

Certain information provided by GOSA members may be published in GOSA membership directories, yearbooks, newsletters, event materials, digital publications, or similar association resources as part of GOSA membership and industry services.

Published information may include a member's name, business or organization name, business contact information, membership category, advertisements, and other information submitted or authorized for publication.

Members should contact GOSA with questions or concerns regarding information included in GOSA publications or directories.

Cookies and Website Information

GOSA's website and WildApricot may use cookies and similar technologies to provide website functionality, maintain member login sessions, remember preferences, process transactions, improve website performance, and understand website usage.

Certain cookies may be necessary for the website, member portal, or online transactions to function properly.

Your browser may provide options for controlling or deleting cookies. Disabling certain cookies may affect the functionality of portions of the GOSA website or member portal.

Email and Member Communications

GOSA may use contact information provided by members and other individuals to send association-related communications, including membership information, renewal notices, event announcements, newsletters, industry information, deadlines, organizational updates, and other GOSA communications.

GOSA may use WildApricot or another service provider to distribute these communications.

Recipients may use available unsubscribe options for applicable promotional communications. Certain administrative, transactional, membership, or account-related communications may still be necessary to provide requested services or maintain a membership relationship.

Protecting Your Information

GOSA uses reasonable administrative, technical, and organizational safeguards designed to protect personal information from unauthorized access, loss, misuse, alteration, or disclosure.

Access to personal information should be limited to authorized GOSA representatives and service providers who reasonably need the information to perform organizational functions.

While GOSA takes reasonable precautions to protect information, no website, electronic transmission, database, or online system can be guaranteed to be completely secure.

Information Retention

GOSA retains personal information for as long as reasonably necessary to provide membership services, administer programs, maintain appropriate organizational and financial records, comply with legal obligations, resolve disputes, and fulfill legitimate organizational purposes.

Information that is no longer reasonably necessary may be deleted, destroyed, or anonymized when appropriate and consistent with applicable requirements.

Children's Privacy

GOSA's website and online services are not intended to knowingly collect personal information directly from children under 13 without appropriate authorization.

If GOSA becomes aware that personal information from a child under 13 has been collected in circumstances requiring parental consent, GOSA will take appropriate steps to address the information.

Links to Other Websites

The GOSA website may contain links to websites and services operated by third parties. GOSA is not responsible for the privacy practices, security, content, or policies of independently operated third-party websites.

Visitors are encouraged to review the privacy policies of third-party websites before providing personal information.

Changes to This Privacy Policy

GOSA may update this Privacy Policy periodically to reflect changes in our website, programs, technology, service providers, payment-processing arrangements, or applicable requirements.

Any updated Privacy Policy will be posted on the GOSA website with a revised effective date.

Contact Us

Questions or concerns regarding this Privacy Policy or GOSA's handling of personal information may be directed to:

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