

FLORIDA CERTIFIED HOOD CLEANING ASSOCIATION

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Dear Potential Member,

Thank you for requesting an FCHCA Membership Package. Please read through the information and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us directly. We offer 2 Membership Packages at this time; Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Membership (KEC) and Associate Membership (No Certification Required).

Please fill-out the requested information, attach the requested documents and return this application with your payment to the address listed above.

Please note: If you sign-up for our Certification Program as well, there will be a 30-60 day period before your class begins. This period allows us to get you the necessary books and materials needed to study before you come to class. You will be notified when your class will begin.

Please fill-out the following:

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Please read and understand the following information before signing below:

As a Member of the FCHCA, I promise to uphold the highest Standard of Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning possible. I will clean Kitchen Exhaust Systems to BARE METAL (when applicable) and/or properly report deficiencies on my Job Service Report. I will also follow all Local, State and Federal Laws pertaining to the Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Industry and the Florida Clean Water Act. I will also maintain the following:

- A) Minimum of \$500,000 in General Liability Insurance.
- B) Minimum of \$300,000 in Vehicle Insurance.
- C) Workman's Compensation Coverage (or Certificate of Exemption)
- D) Valid Cleaning Certification through any Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning School or Association. If you do not hold current Certification, you will be allowed 120 days to get Certified before your Membership becomes inactive with the FCHCA. There will be NO REFUNDS on Membership Fees.

(please attach copies of each with this application)

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a KEC Member of the FCHCA, you will be entitled to receive the following:

- 12 Months of Membership
- Unlimited Email Support
- On-Going Job Leads Through Our State-Wide Advertising Campaigns
- Participation in Group Proposals (Large State-Wide Contract Participation)
- Access to our In-Field Training (Billed at \$65.00 per hour, 3 hour minimum)
- Access to the FCHCA Forum (a free forum just for FCHCA Members)
- Access to the FCHCA Network (Equipment Sales, Chemical Sales, Mechanical Contractors, Etc)
- Advertising Opportunities in the FCHCA Newsletter (extra fees apply)
- Participation in the FCHCA Trade Booth at the Florida Restaurant Show
- 24/7 Emergency Hotline (Billed at \$34.95 per 1/2 hour...15 minute minimum)
- Phone Support (Billed at \$9.95 per 1/2 hour...on scheduled calls)
- Group Discount Pricing on Equipment & Supplies
- Access to our Hood Cleaning Business Incubator Program
- Ongoing Seminars, Training & Certification Opportunities
- Company listing on the FCHCA Website
- FCHCA Vehicle Decals, shirt patch and logo to use on your website, hood stickers, etc.
- And much more.....

In addition to the aforementioned Benefits... Your Business will also have a voice in our Industry. The FCHCA will be active in Educating State Fire Marshals, Fire Inspectors and Health Inspectors. We will be pushing these Government Agencies for a "Fire Safe Florida" through PROPER Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning. Our Goal is to rid our Industry of the "Fly-By-Night" Hood Washers and their \$150.00 Hood Washing Specials!

Help make a difference and join us to create a "Fire Safe Florida" become an FCHCA Member today!

Please make copies of Page 1 and Page 2. Return them along with your payment to us. Once we receive your Membership Information we will contact you.

FCHCA MEMBERSHIP & CERTIFICATION FEES

Annual 12 Month KEC Membership	\$495.00	*Associate Membership (Non-KEC) \$295.00 (12 months)
Journeyman Certification (12 months)	\$250.00 (optional)	
Master Certification (12 months)	<u>\$395.00</u> (optional)	

Total Due: \$

*Make check or Money Order payable to: **Florida Certified Hood Cleaning Association***

Note: We also accept Paypal if needed. Please contact us for further information and instructions if needed.

***Associate Membership available to Non-KEC Companies. Such as: Fire Suppression, Chemical, Equipment, and other Associations that would like to be part of the FCHCA.**

FCHCA Certification Outline

Certification Levels

There are two levels of Certification:

Level I: Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Journeyman (KECJ)

Level II: Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Master Technician (KECMT)

Level I: is available for anyone that wishes to start a career as a Kitchen Exhaust Cleaner. Great entry level opportunity! Highly recommended for Helper Positions.

Level II: is a Master Certification intended for Business Owners and Lead Personnel.

Fees:

Level I: \$250.00 for 12 months. This Level is renewable yearly at \$200.00, but we recommend an upgrade to KECMT for \$325.00 (for a 1 year term).

Level II: \$395.00 for 12 months. Level II renewal price is \$ 325.00 every 12 months.

Level I: Has a 25 question test and 2 days training (approx. 16 hours).

Level II: Has a 75 question test, 4-5 days of training (approx 40 hours) and requires a “Cleaning Presentation” to pass.

Note: Level I can be renewed every 12 months via internet testing.

FCHCA Kitchen Certification

Level I: Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Journeyman

This training consists of 2 days of training, requires approximately 16 hours to complete and requires passing a 25 question test.

In this level you will learn and receive the following:

- Learn all aspects of proper kitchen exhaust cleaning. It also includes a partial teaching of procedures needed to perform pre-inspection services.
- Learn proper cleaning methods associated to cleaning kitchen exhaust hoods, ducts, fans and fusible links.
- Learn the proper set-up and break-down procedures performed during a cleaning.
- Learn proper chemical safety and mixing procedures.
- Learn about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Learn how to properly set-up and break-down the machines associated with your job duties.
- Learn the proper use and maintenance of pressure washers.
- Learn General Ladder Safety.
- Take and pass a 25 question Certification Exam.
- Receive a Journeyman Certification that is valid for 12 months.

Note: Journeyman Certification can be renewed after 12 months. It can also be upgraded to a Level II, Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Master Technician (KECMT) at any time.

Renewal will be available online. Level II upgrade will require a letter of recommendation from your Employer, 10 sets of before and after pictures of jobs you worked on, and a completed & updated BIO of what you have learned.

You must also obtain the required books and publications prior to taking the KECMT Test. If you DO NOT pass the Certification Test on the first try, you will be given a second opportunity to test again within 24 hours at no extra charge.

FCHCA Kitchen Certification

Level II: Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Master Technician

This training consists of 4-5 days of training (approx 40 hours), requires passing a 75 question test and demonstrating a quality “Cleaning Presentation”.

In this level you will learn and receive the following:

- Learn all aspects of proper kitchen exhaust cleaning. It also includes a partial teaching of procedures needed to perform pre-inspection services.
- Learn proper cleaning methods associated to cleaning kitchen exhaust hoods, ducts, fans and fusible links.
- Learn the proper set-up and break-down procedures performed during a cleaning.
- Learn proper chemical safety and mixing procedures.
- Learn about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Learn how to properly set-up and break-down the machines associated with your job duties.
- Learn the proper use and maintenance of pressure washers.
- Learn General Ladder Safety.
- Learn the proper procedures for filling-out paperwork and taking digital documentation.
- Learn about different metals and how different chemicals react on them.
- Learn about Access Panels and how to install them.
- Learn about Roof top Grease Containment Systems and how to install them.
- Learn about Hinge Kits and how to install them.
- Learn about proper kitchen exhaust fan maintenance.
- Learn about Confined Space Entry.
- Learn about general hazards and how to avoid them.
- Learn about the OSHA Regulations pertaining to your job.
- Learn about NFPA Code 96 requirements.
- Learn how to properly Inspect an entire kitchen exhaust system.
- Learn how to properly label a hood.
- Learn how to deal with customer complaints.
- Take and pass a 75 question Certification Exam.
- Demonstrate a quality “Cleaning Presentation”.
- Receive a Master Technician Certification that is valid for 12 months.

Renewal will be available if you provide 10 sets of before and after pictures of jobs you worked on and a complete BIO. If you are a Business Owner, you will also have to provide valid insurance and license information.

You must also obtain the required books and publications (or updates) prior to taking the KECMT Renewal Test. If you DO NOT pass the Certification Test on the first try, you will be given a second opportunity to test again within 24 hours at no extra charge.