



# Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers, Inc. Membership Application

## I. General Overview:

Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers, Inc., is a cooperative effort between public safety agencies, the business community, the news media and the general public to develop a community offensive against violent crime and property crime. Crime Stoppers provides a means for tipsters to supply information to the authorities and earn cash rewards while remaining anonymous. The purpose of the program is to furnish public safety agencies with otherwise unobtainable information that leads to the solution of felony crimes and the apprehension of wanted persons.

Crime Stoppers operates as a non-profit corporation as authorized by the Ohio Secretary of State. Reward funds come from private donations by individuals, businesses, foundations, and through other funding sources as approved by the Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers Board.

## II. Reward Eligibility:

Any person who contacts Crime Stoppers with information resulting in the arrest and or indictment of an adult felony suspect, or in the case of a juvenile suspect, the judicial equivalent of an indictment, will be eligible for a cash reward as approved by the Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers Board.

## III. Reward Amounts and Payment Guidelines:

Rewards of up to \$2,000.00 are offered for the solution of any felony crime. Payment of these funds will be made based on information resulting in the arrest and or indictment of an adult felony suspect, or in the case of a juvenile suspect, the judicial equivalent of an indictment. The board has developed specific guidelines for various crimes such as crime of the week, etc.

#### IV. Membership Requirements:

Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers welcomes new members on the board to actively participate and serve in this important community activity.

Sponsorship by an existing board member will initiate the process. There are two types of board members, **Active** and **Associate**. Active members are individuals who feel that they can commit coming to meetings each month and have excused absences when unable to attend. Active board members have full voting privileges. Associate board members are those individuals that wish to be associated with Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers but, because of job duties such as sworn police officers, cannot attend board meetings on a regular basis. Southern Ohio Crime Stoppers welcomes their support and advice, but associate members may not exercise voting privileges.

Please complete the following application form and have your board sponsor submit it to the executive committee of the board. A membership committee will review the application. The sponsor will be notified regarding acceptance and may nominate the new member at the next full board meeting.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax (If Available)** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail (If Available)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Member Sponsor** \_\_\_\_\_

Because of the sensitive nature of an anonymous tipster in the crime stoppers program, please check either **YES** \_\_\_\_\_ or **NO** \_\_\_\_\_ if you have ever had a felony conviction.

