

2026 ADVERTISING RATE GUIDE



Opportunities to reach Michigan's
small business owners



As Michigan's largest small business organization, SBAM is a voice that small business owners trust. Partnering with SBAM provides your company access to over 33,000 business owners in Michigan.

SBAM.ORG

EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Connect with small business owners through event sponsorships, including in-person opportunities and educational webinars.



MICHIGAN CELEBRATES SMALL BUSINESS

April 21 & 22, 2026

Featuring:

- Summit/Luncheon
- VIP Reception
- Capitol Day
- Awards Gala

Sponsorships start at \$1,500



SBAM Annual Meeting

June 18, 2026

Sponsorships start at \$1,000



SBAM'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Benefits the SBAM Foundation

Late Summer 2026

Sponsorships start at \$500

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SBAM hosts 2-3 events annually in each of our eleven regional engagement zones.

Seasonal schedule by region:

Capital Region
Winter, Summer, Fall

Great Lakes Bay Region
Winter, Summer, Fall

Kent Region
Winter, Spring, Fall

Kalamazoo Region
Spring, Fall

Lakeshore Region
Winter, Summer

Macomb Region
Winter, Summer, Fall

Northern Michigan Region
Summer

Oakland Region
Spring, Fall

UP – Marquette & Houghton
Spring, Fall

Washtenaw Region
Spring, Fall

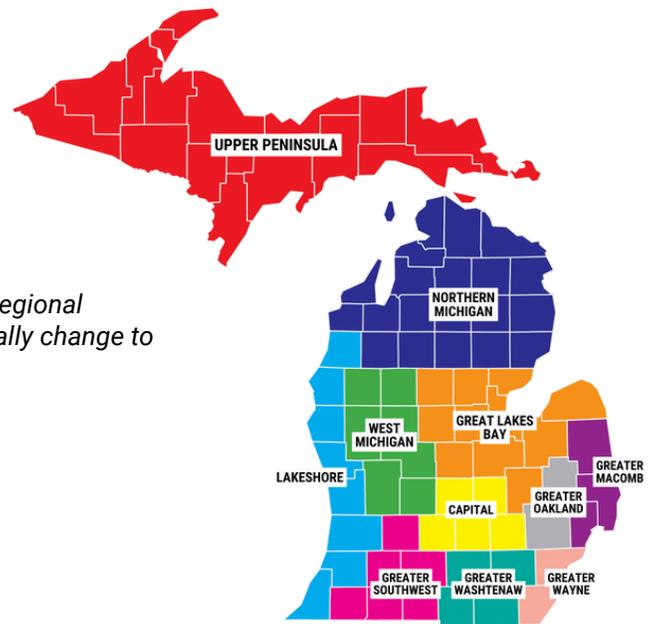
Wayne Region
Winter, Summer

SBAM strives to maintain the published event schedule for each regional engagement zone; however, the month of an event may occasionally change to accommodate other programming or unforeseen circumstances.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Sponsorship: \$2,500 per region for three events.
- Promotional Reach: Regionally targeted small business owners.
- Sponsors are the only non-business owners invited to attend.

OWNER²
OWNER
Connections



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LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Sponsorship Opportunities: starting at \$2,500 annually.
- Promotional Reach: 200 members of SBAM's Leadership Council, comprised of successful, second-stage business owners. This dynamic group meetings three times each year, providing you exclusive access as a sponsor.



ANNUAL EVENTS

- February Policy & Engagement Day
- June Reception
- October Fall Summit

WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURIAL *fellowship*

This fellowship is for women past the startup phase and inside the realities of long-term leadership. They manage teams, drive revenue, and make decisions with consequences reaching beyond the bottom line. The work has grown more complex, but the support available hasn't kept pace.

- Sponsorship Opportunities starting at \$1,000 annually.

mi **hidden** talent workshop

Statewide training seminar designed to help businesses address workforce shortages by embracing inclusive hiring practices. This initiative empowers employers to tap into Michigan's underutilized talent pool – individuals with disabilities – creating stronger, more diverse workplaces.

- Sponsorship Opportunities: starting at \$1,000 annually.

FOCUS MAGAZINE

FOCUS highlights best practices in human resources, new developments in marketing strategies, changes in tax and business legislation, and other resources to help small businesses thrive.

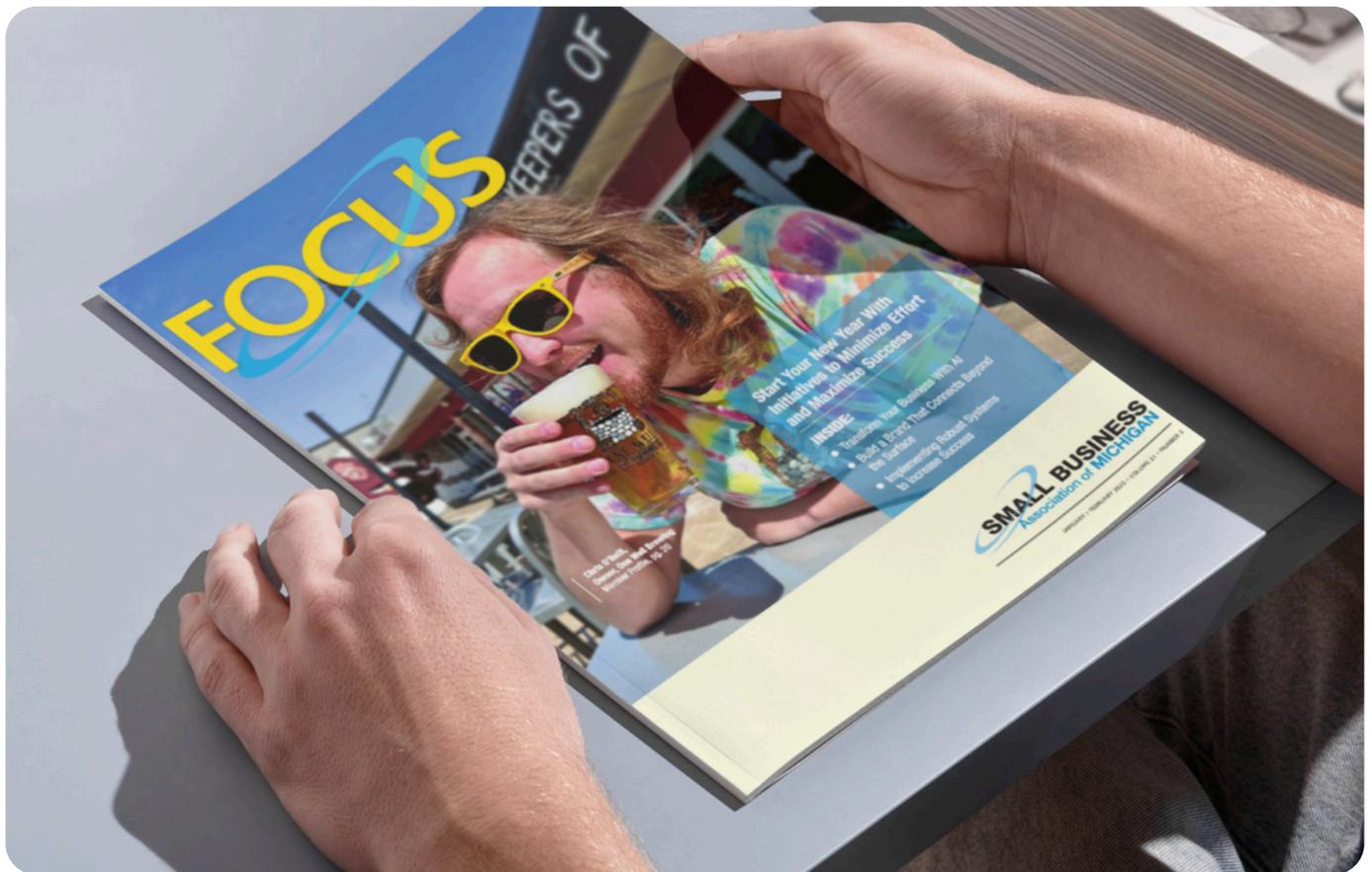
Reach SBAM members directly through their mailboxes. With articles, stories and editorials on issues that matter, our readers rely on FOCUS as an important source of information impacting their business.

Total Readership Distribution: **32,000 +**

Print: **10,000**

Digital: **22,000**

6 Issues Each Year



FOCUS MAGAZINE

Prominently promote your product or service to small business owners through a tag-along mailing with FOCUS. Poly bagging rates start at \$3,000.

FOCUS Production Schedule

Issue	Space Close	Copy Close
January / February	December 2	December 8
March / April	January 16	January 23
May / June	March 13	March 20
July / August	May 22	May 29
September / October	July 29	August 5
November / December	September 21	September 28

FOCUS Display Position

	One Time	Three Times	Six Times
Full Page	\$1,820	\$1,465	\$1,330
2/3 Page	\$1,380	\$1,085	\$940
1/2 Page	\$1,040	\$870	\$730
1/3 Page	\$940	\$790	\$600
1/4 Page	\$760	\$620	\$440

FOCUS Cover Position

	One Time	Three Times	Six Times
Back Cover	\$2,350	\$1,950	\$1,780
Inside Front	\$2,140	\$1,830	\$1,650
Inside Back	\$1,980	\$1,730	\$1,460

DIGITAL ADVERTISING

Promoting your products and services to Michigan small business owners is easy when you advertise on [SBAM.org](https://sbam.org). Average monthly website views tops 20,000.

SPONSORED CONTENT \$550/POST

- Article posted on SBAM.org and in Small Business Weekly with link back to content provider's website.
- Content also shared across SBAM social platforms.

NEW IN 2026

COMMUNITY

Community is an online community exclusive to SBAM members, providing a dedicated space where members can engage, interact, and share insights with each other.

Homepage Hero Banner

- Placement: Top of main community page
- Visibility: All logged-in users
- Positioning: High-impact awareness
- Price: \$1,250/month

Sidebar Banner (Run of Community)

- Placement: Sidebar within community sections/threads
- Visibility: Ongoing presence next to conversations
- Positioning: Always-on presence while owners engage
- Price: \$600/month

NEW IN 2026

SBAM ACADEMY

SBAM Academy is an online learning portal where users can purchase courses and access live and on-demand events and webinars.

Homepage/Dashboard Banner

- Placement: Main landing/dashboard page
- Positioning: Aligns sponsor with education and expertise
- Price: \$900/month

Track/Category Banner

- Placement: Specific tracks (HR, Compliance, Finance, etc.)
- Positioning: Contextual visibility when members learn about a topic
- Price: \$500/month per track

Custom Packages & Inquiries:

For custom sponsorship packages or additional information, please contact our sales team.

DIGITAL ADVERTISING

SBAM communicates with our members through our weekly Small Business Weekly e-newsletter.

Members also receive a government relations update through Lansing Watchdog. These are excellent opportunities to put your company in front of small business decision makers.



E-NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

- One week: \$220
- Four weeks: \$170 p/week
- Eight weeks: \$120 p/week
- Twelve weeks: \$100 p/week

BANNER SIZE

650px wide by 200px high

Michigan Introduces New R&D Tax Credit for Small Businesses

On Monday, January 13th, 2025, Governor Whitmer signed HB 5100 and HB 5101 into law, which create a Research and Development (R&D) tax credit in Michigan. SBAM supported these bipartisan bills and contributed to their formation through the legislative process.

[Read More](#)



2025 Handbook Updates: Navigating New Employment Laws

As we enter a new year and as should be done at least once a year, HR professionals should be reviewing their employee handbooks and policies to ensure they remain up to date and legally compliant.

[Read More](#)

Make an impact on Michigan's small businesses

Make sure to save the date for [Michigan Celebrates Small Business Summit and Awards Ceremony: April 21-22, 2025](#). Don't miss your chance to be part of this premier celebration of Michigan's small business community.

- Interested in Sponsorship? Click [here](#) to explore our sponsorship packages.
- Want to Speak at the Event? Click [here](#) to submit your speaker request form.



The Small Business Briefing

We've got the pulse of small business. Tune in today at 3pm ET for SBAM's Small Business Briefing! Hosts Brian Calley and Sarah Miller bring you the latest news impacting Michigan small businesses.

PODCASTS & WEBINARS

The Small Business Association of Michigan's weekly podcast presents a dynamic audio interview from Michigan small business owners and influencers.



SMALL BUSINESS WEEKLY PODCAST

- 10 - 15 minutes.
- Available on iTunes and SBAM.org.
- Promoted on social media, SBAM.org and the Small Business Weekly e-Newsletter.
- Sponsor is invited to help identify /provide content and/or do interviews or SBAM will create content per sponsor approval.

INVESTMENT

- \$400 for one podcast
- \$600 for two podcasts
- \$800 for four podcasts

SBAM presents thought leadership webinars on a variety of topics pertinent to small business ownership.



EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS

- Sponsorship: \$500/webinar
- SBAM promotes to all members and on social media
- Webinar recording available on SBAM.org
- Content subject to SBAM approval
- Attendee list provided

SOCIAL MEDIA

Extend your reach through SBAM's robust social media platforms.



SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Your message and choice of date posted to SBAM audience.

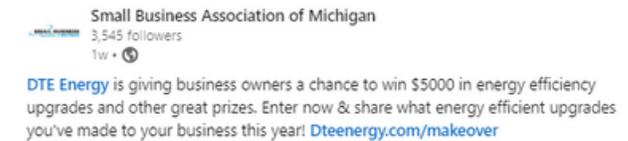
- \$475 for 1 post across 3 channels

THE SMALL BUSINESS BRIEFING

The Small Business Briefing features reliable, timely news and updates from SBAM's Brian Calley and Sarah Miller. Each show provides insight into what small business owners need to know, how to manage employees, stay compliant, and more! It airs on Mondays at 3pm ET on both Zoom and Facebook Live.

- \$10,000 for 12-month presenting sponsor
- \$5,500 for 12-month supporting sponsor
- \$1,000 for monthly advertising rate

500 average viewers per show



INTEREST FORM

Company: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Representative: _____

Signature: _____

ADVERTISING SELECTED

- FOCUS Magazine
- SBAM.org
- e-Newsletter
- Sponsored Content
- Podcast
- Webinar
- Small Business Briefing

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/OPTIONS CHOSEN

FOR FOCUS ADVERTISERS

ISSUES SELECTED

- January / February
- March / April
- May / June
- July / August
- September / October
- November / December

POSITION SELECTED

- Back Cover
- Full Page
- 1/2 Page Horizontal
- 1/3 Page Horizontal
- Inside Front Cover
- 2/3 Page Vertical
- 1/2 Page Island
- 1/3 Page Square
- Inside Back Cover
- 1/2 Page Vertical
- 1/3 Page Vertical
- 1/4 Page Vertical

Please remit to Winston Larson, Director of Strategic Growth and Corporate Relationships,
for approval and contract agreement at winston.larson@sbam.org.

*SBAM VIP members and Friends of Small Business members receive a 5% discount on advertising rates;
SBAM Elite members receive a 10% discount.*

AD SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

BLEEDS

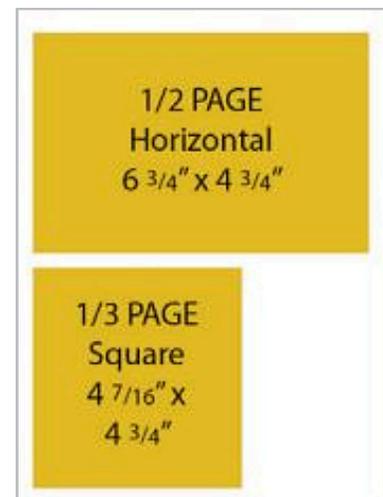
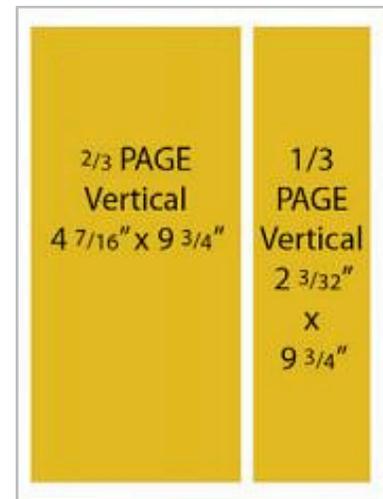
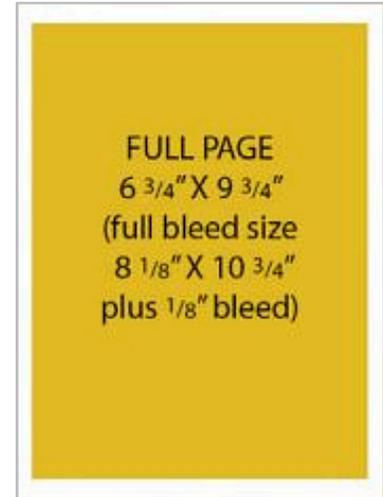
No extra charge on full pages. Trim size 8-1/8" x 10-3/4". Keep live matter 1/4" from edges. Be certain to include 1/8" bleed imagery. Total image area should be 8-3/8" x 11". There is no need to add registration marks manually. The automatic crop mark feature in the page layout software is sufficient.

Accepted File Formats, in order of preference

1. PDF: CMYK, press quality, with all fonts embedded.

Acceptable PDF's must be created from the following programs: Adobe InDesign, QuarkXPress, Adobe Illustrator. The quality of PDFs created with any other program cannot be guaranteed. If you are building your file in InDesign or Quark, you can use our InDesign export.joboptions or Quark export.joboptions to create your output file. Simply download the appropriate file to your computer, load it into your PDF Export options, then use it to create your print ready PDF. This will eliminate the need to copy links and fonts to us. After you create your print ready PDF, please look it over to make sure it looks the way you want it to. If you have any troubles creating a print ready PDF file, or need help transferring your raw files, feel free to call our prepress department at 1-800-773-7798. You're also welcome to read our Electronic File Submission Guide at villagepress.com/vpsupport/adsubmission.

2. EPS file with all fonts converted to outlines from Adobe Illustrator or Freehand. We cannot accept native Freehand documents.
3. Native files from the following software: Adobe InDesign, Adobe Illustrator, QuarkXPress, Adobe Photoshop.
4. Adobe Photoshop native files, .tiff, and .jpg files are acceptable however the quality of text and line art won't be as crisp as files provided in the formats above.



AD SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

MEDIA ACCEPTED

- Large high-resolution (over 5 MB) files can be sent electronically to our FTU site: EZ File Transfer; USER NAME: user; PASSWORD: user.
- Smaller files (under 5 MB) may be sent as an E-mail attachment.
- CD or DVD accompanied by a hard copy proof.
- Please do not send negatives.

COLOR

- Images must be in CMYK or Grayscale.
- DO NOT use RGB colors.
- Color saturation should be limited to 360% or less coverage.
- Please avoid use of 4-color black for fine lines and copy.
- For black areas thicker than .25" to .5" a "packed-black" is suggested for better appearance. We recommend a breakdown of 50C, 40M, 40Y, 100K.

BLACK-AND-WHITE ADS

All black-and-white ads must be set up to output as one-color art. No color specifications should be applied to any type or art elements of a black-and-white ad. This will prevent any unanticipated screen tints from appearing in the final output.

IMAGES

Digital photography and scanned images must be 300 dpi (at scale). Line art should be scanned at 600 dpi or higher. When creating lines in your images, do not use the "hairline" line thickness (for best results use .5 thickness or higher).

FONTS

- Embed all fonts when submitting PDFs.
- Post Script fonts are preferred.
- Avoid the use of True Type fonts.
- At submission, remember to include all screen and printer fonts.
- When practical, please convert all text to outlines.

COMPRESSION

If submitting files to us that are compressed, please send us a single archive file using either Stuff-It or Zip.

AD PREPARATION SERVICES

If the production department considers a digital ad to be incorrectly set up by the advertiser, the advertiser may correct and resubmit the ad or the advertiser may request the production department to alter the ad to meet specifications at an additional charge to be quoted.

