## Brother Authorized Partner Program U.S.

## **Program Guidelines**

Brother International Corporation ("BROTHER") is pleased to present this opportunity for resellers doing business and selling in the United States of America to participate in the Brother Authorized Partner Program ("BAPP"). The BAPP Program offers select resellers access to a number of sales and marketing benefits and initiatives when selling BROTHER's Business Machine products to end-user customers in the USA (including the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico). If a reseller meets the criteria set forth below, they may be eligible to become either a Silver or a Gold level reseller, as well as to join reseller communities in the Brother Authorized Partner Program. All applicants must agree to the BAPP Terms and Conditions prior to becoming a member of the BAPP. The Terms and Conditions can be found at <a href="https://www.brother-usa.com/partners-terms">https://www.brother-usa.com/partners-terms</a>. For the purposes of this Program, Brother Authorized Product is the Brother Workhorse Series of Printers and Scanners and only available to Gold members. This BAPP program does not apply to Brother remanufactured hardware.

## **SILVER**

#### I. GUIDELINES FOR THE BAPP PROGRAM - SILVER

# IN ORDER TO QUALIFY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BAPP SILVER LEVEL, RESELLERS MUST MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW:

- The Reseller must have an internal or field-deployed sales force.
- The Reseller's sales force must have a focus on categories relevant to BROTHER's Business Machine product.
- For all sales the Reseller must provide monthly end-user POS / sales-out data in a format acceptable to BROTHER.
- The Reseller must, upon request by Brother, provide Brother with proof of the source of its Brother product.
- Reseller must disclose all business names, addresses, third-party marketplace seller IDs (i.e Amazon, Walmart, eBay, Newegg, etc.), and URLS that Reseller does business under and shall further have a fully functional company website, phone number, business email address (i.e., <a href="mailto:johnsmith@companyname.com">johnsmith@companyname.com</a>), commercial address and conduct business out of said address.
- Reseller must maintain combined minimum annual purchases of \$5,000 for BROTHER hardware and supplies through \*\*\*Brother Authorized Distributors or direct from Brother for the purposes of selling to end-user customers. Eligibility for the current year is based upon prior year's purchases.
- Under no circumstances shall Reseller be permitted to sell any BROTHER product to a distributor or another reseller without the written permission of BROTHER.
- Under no circumstances shall Reseller be permitted to purchase any BROTHER product from another reseller without the written permission of BROTHER.
- $\bullet\,$  The Reseller shall not modify and use any materials obtained from the Brother PATH (Partner

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Portal), unless specifically allowed by Brother.

\*\*Failure to comply with any of the requirements set forth above may result in temporary or permanent removal from the BAPP Program.

## II. BENEFITS OF PROGRAM - SILVER

## Authorization provides reseller access to the following core program elements:

- Access to open (Non- protected) Brother product
- Access to Brother PATH (Partner Portal)
- Sales and Marketing Resources

\*\*Brother maintains a Minimum Advertised price (MAP) Policy for many of its business machines, associated supplies, and protected models. Any violation of Brother's MAP Policy may, in Brother's sole discretion, result in temporary or permanent removal from the BAPP Program.

#### III. GUIDELINES FOR THE BAPP PROGRAM - GOLD

# IN ORDER TO QUALIFY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BAPP GOLD LEVEL, RESELLERS MUST MEET ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS BELOW:

- The Reseller must have an internal or field-deployed sales force of at least 2 people.
- The Reseller's sales force must have a focus on categories relevant to BROTHER's Business Machine product.
- The Reseller must maintain in-house technical support.
- For all sales related, including but not limited to all VPP contracts, deal registrations, bid pricing and Brother Protected Product, the Reseller must provide monthly end-user POS / sales-out data in a format acceptable to BROTHER.
- The Reseller must, upon request by Brother, provide Brother with proof of the source of its Brother product.
- The Reseller must not, in BROTHER's assessment, have a consumer retail focus or be primarily an internet reseller with the vast majority of sales through a website.
- Reseller must disclose all business names, addresses, third-party marketplace seller IDs (i.e Amazon, Walmart, eBay, Newegg, etc...), and URLS that Reseller does business under and shall further have a fully functional company website, phone number, business email address (i.e., <a href="mailto:johnsmith@companyname.com">johnsmith@companyname.com</a>), commercial address and conduct business out of said address.
- Reseller may feature and resell BROTHER Protected Products on its primary website only.

  Participation and promotion of BROTHER Protected Products on third party/marketplace websites is strictly prohibited and enforced. Reseller may sell open product on third party/marketplace websites.
- Reseller must maintain combined minimum annual purchases of \$25,000 for BROTHER hardware and supplies through \*\*\*Brother Authorized Distributors or direct from Brother for the purposes of selling to end-user customers. Eligibility for the current year is based upon prior year's purchases.

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- Under no circumstances shall Reseller be permitted to sell any BROTHER product to a distributor or another reseller without the written permission of BROTHER.
- Under no circumstances shall Reseller be permitted to purchase any BROTHER product from another reseller without the written permission of BROTHER.
- The Reseller shall not modify and use any materials obtained from the Partner Portal, unless specifically allowed by Brother.
- \*\*Failure to comply with any of the requirements set forth above may result in temporary or permanent removal from the BAPP Program.

#### IV. BENEFITS OF PROGRAM - GOLD

## Authorization provides a GOLD reseller access to the following core program elements:

- Deal Registration Program
- Access to Brother PATH (Partner Portal)
- Value Print Program (VPP)
- Bid Pricing Program
- Access to Brother Protected Product (Brother Workhorse product)
- Channel Promotions
- Vertical, Government and Education Support (must meet minimum requirements)
- Access to Brother field sales teams for joint meetings with end users (must meet minimum requirements)
- Demo Unit Program
- Brother Knowledge Center (BKC)
- Loyalty Program (Brother Rewards)
- Brother Webinars
- Evaluation Units (End User Opportunities)
  - 30 Day Trial requires engagement with Brother Strategic Channel Partners or Major Account Sales team and opportunity must meet minimum quantity requirements.

## Copier-Dealer Reseller High Volume Community (Effective December 1, 2023)

The Copier-Dealer Reseller High Volume Community is available only to resellers who meet the criteria below:

- Reseller submits to Brother a single order with a minimum aggregate product (i.e., hardware and/or supplies) purchase order of \$25,000.00.
- Reseller primarily sells A3 products (in Brother's discretion).
- Reseller sells A4 as their secondary products (in Brother's discretion).
- Reseller employs Field Sales, Sales Managers, and Field Technicians.

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- Reseller may have specialists as part of its organization selling solutions including, but not limited to, managed print services, high volume product solutions, IT solutions, and color product solutions.
- Reseller has local brand presence, in Brother's sole determination, and an active website.

Copier-Dealer Reseller High Volume Community Benefits:

- Brother will sell the products directly to the Reseller for the applicable purchase order.
- Brother will cover shipping costs for the applicable purchase order.

## V. PROCESS FOR BAPP PROGRAM QUALIFICATION (Silver, Gold and Communities)

- All applicants must complete and submit the online BAPP application and agree to the Terms and Conditions of the BAPP Program.
- BROTHER will promptly review and notify applicants regarding admission to the BAPP and whether they qualify as a Silver or Gold.
- BROTHER will work with \*\*\*Brother Authorized Distributors to maintain a list of approved resellers which will be updated and circulated weekly.
- If applicable, Brother will verify reseller eligibility for the current calendar year based upon prior year's annual purchases. Reseller agrees, upon request, to provide support that they met the minimum sales for the prior year.
- Brother will notify BAPP partners of their Annual Program status on or about January 1<sup>st</sup> for each program year.
- \*BROTHER (BROTHER) RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY OR DISCONTINUE THIS BAPP PROGRAM AT ANY TIME.
- \*\*\* D&H, Distribution Management (DM), Essendant, Ingram Micro, SP Richards, TD Synnex.

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