The majority (79%) of those who buy Melaleuca products each month are strictly customers. They’re not interested in pursuing the Melaleuca financial opportunity. They just love Melaleuca products. Only a few of them will ever decide to build a Melaleuca business.

Product Advocates

10% of all Melaleuca customers have referred at least one customer but fewer than eight customers. As those customers purchase products directly from Melaleuca, those who referred them receive a small commission. These households are not necessarily interested in the financial opportunity. Their relationship with Melaleuca is primarily because they love Melaleuca products. Their “status” is determined by how many customers they have referred. A Product Advocate has at least one customer. A Product Advocate 2 has referred at least two customers and a Product Advocate 3 has referred at least four customers. While these individuals may not be considered serious business builders, their customers (like the vast majority of Melaleuca customers) come from word-of-mouth referrals. Therefore, the overall contribution of these individuals is significant.

Beginning a Business

About one out of nine customers (11%) decide to start their own Melaleuca business and eventually achieve Director status, which is considered the first step to becoming a business builder. Directors have made a significant effort (probably spent 50 hours or more) in developing at least eight Melaleuca customers. Those estimated 50 hours could have been spent in a single week or could have been spent over several years. But at some point in their lives, Directors have invested enough time to develop (and maintain) at least eight Melaleuca customers.

Initial Leadership Status

Leaders at these statuses have made a more serious effort to build a Melaleuca business. Those who have reached these leadership statuses have not only invested enough time to refer several customers, but they have also helped some of those customers start a business and become Marketing Executives. Those Marketing Executives have, in turn, referred additional customers who purchase Melaleuca products each month. Commissions are paid based on the development of customers and the development of leaders who help others reach their goals.

Advanced Leadership Status

Those Marketing Executives who reach Senior Director or above have shown substantial interest and dedication in building a Melaleuca business. While they may not work their businesses full time, it is essential that they invest some time each month nurturing training and helping those in their marketing organizations. Melaleuca advocates that Marketing Executives keep their full-time jobs and work their Melaleuca businesses in their spare time. However, some Executive Directors at the higher income statuses do work their businesses close to full time. Melaleuca strongly advocates that Marketing Executives do not quit their full-time jobs until their Melaleuca incomes far surpass the incomes they receive from their full-time employers. Rather, they should add their Melaleuca incomes to their regular incomes, thereby making a substantial difference in their family finances.