



Herbalife Distributor Testimonials

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From: Gwendy13

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I recently became interested in work from home opportunities. I have yet to find one that would work for me or isn't a scam.

I tried OBS. All of the previous comments are true, however I did not read anyone commenting about how much the business package costs. I did see some other fees I hadn't come across yet but I am sure they would be there. This business is basically a middleman that teaches you with great training how to set up your own business. They do however seem to want to keep everything from you until after you pay. I did pay the 9.95 but I will be returning this. I did receive the booklet. It was crap, just more pump you up testimonials. I was reluctant to add my real number so I put a fake one. That way I got emails instead trying to coo me into learning about them. That gave me a few days to actually learn more about them on my own. Then I decided to email the "Coach" back and included my "new number"

I did ask in the email that she tell me what the products were and what I would be doing in an email before she called me so I would know whether I wanted to participate. She never did, she just called.

I sat on the phone for 20 minutes while we got patched into a three way call with the main guy from the video that shook his hands in front of him a lot.

It was during that call they dropped the bombshell on me about paying for my start up package. They did give me two options:

Option 1 Basic Distributor Package. Basically you sell door to door or to your friends and family only.

Option 2 (the obvious option) Online Business System Package.

This is where they send you various products such as Registration for doing business in all countries, how to make 25 percent gross profit, training manual, 1 month supply of products to try at home, Herbal Life training manual, registered live training, and an online office. This package is purchased for a small convenient fee of 399.

I did not have the money to waste on something I didn't even know if it would work or not.

I told my coach I didn't have that kind of money and she said that in the beginning neither did she and she had to put it on a credit card and make it her goal to pay it off. Obviously trying to steer me in that direction. I said I would think about it and I did and the answer will be no. I just am not in the position to throw away money if I don't understand what is going on.

Now my final thoughts about this business is.

It might be a great, lucrative opportunity and you may get a lot of money back and that is great. However I do think they should tell you absolutely everything up front. How much you will have to invest in your own business plan and telling you step by step instructions to let you know what you may be missing or what you're in for. Not just Hello Listen to this testimonial and a story from us about how we came from doing nothing and now we make lots of money. So give me some of yours and you can be like me.

You should have heard the conversation.

After the live call she was like the next step is to pay and get plugged in so how do you want to pay. I told her I didn't have money for that I am sorry but I can't... big pause... Well um I didn't either and I got a credit card and then paid it off. I said I don't know I don't have very much information and I don't feel like giving money out for something that no one really explains.... another long pause. She said well alright I will give you 24 hours to think about it.

I am happy that she did because I am not going to waste any money that is needed for my family on something like this.

Although if you did have a few thousand dollars to invest it might be a great opportunity, but I will never know because they wont tell you anything until you have already invested a certain amount. They figure since you have already paid x amount of money why not pay a little more instead of letting that first amount go to waste. I don't want to be stuck in that option. So my decision is to move on and get a real job.

Source: <http://www.imreportcard.com/products/online-business-systems>

From: debstaats

Date: May 26, 2010

I started with Online Business Systems (ie. online Herbalife Marketing) 3 months ago. The initial DP/Decision Package (\$9.95) has several CDs and a 4 page folder to get you amped about doing business with a company sold on the NYSE, with nearly 4 billion in sales last year. It does not mention any relation to Herbalife.

After you view this you receive a phone call from your Personal Coach (who has paid for your lead and interest, and is trying to get you to sign on); you are then asked to invest \$399 to join, and receive a sampling of Herbalife products. If you do not return the DP you are charged an additional \$39.95, and if you do return the DP you are only charged the initial \$9.95.

As an Independent Distributor, you do receive 25% of your retail sales. However you are not told upfront that in order to become verified and use the OBS website (that you must be able to access for training, to place and process orders, receive your 800#, your own website, etc), it will cost an additional \$100 the first month and \$49.95/month thereafter. You then need to invest ~\$50 to set up a Merchant Account to process Credit Card payments, and that is an additional ~\$25/month. Then you need to tackle advertising expenses.

The next push is to get you to advance from Distributor to Supervisor. At the Supervisor level you do receive 50% of retail sales + 25% of your Distributors (that you have recruited) sales; however to get there you need to sell or purchase \$4000 in product retail and/or recruitment in ONE month. At 42% off, that is only \$2320+S/H/taxes. There is a 7% handling fee on all products shipped, not including shipping. Overall, it is far better to be at a Supervisor level, with this great return on retail, royalties + 8-25% wholesale profit, and other benefits. However, as an Independent Distributor, doing retail only (without buying leads - which start at ~\$500), has been difficult. At first I thought no problem... GREAT products (and I do give the products an A+, with variety, doctor developed and tested, safety, 30 years in the making. Nutritional supplements for health or Weight Control; Energizers; Cardiac, Digestive and other Targeted Nutrition products; Skin and Hair products; Fragrances, etc. No household cleaners as mentioned in another article) I can sell these like candy! Well, on my own with ~\$100 spent on advertising + ~\$700 invested for start up, I have made only \$200+/3 months. You have to invest in "your business" to get the sales and recruit new folks for your credit. In reality, if you have \$3,000-\$6,000 to invest initially, I DO Believe this is a GREAT Business Opportunity! As you climb the ladder within OBS/Herbalife the rewards are great (receiving a cut of everyone 3 levels below you, other bonuses, there are dozens of people making 10-20K/month. Albeit, they are reinvesting a portion of that to advertising to keep up those sales). Ahhh, I still believe you need to know the whole scoop up front, which they do not advocate or train for (via prewritten scripts for recruiting with their Supervisor on a 3 way call with the recruitee).

The product training IS excellent, and there are live calls at least 4 days weekly, webinars, as well as recorded info. You do not have to reinvent the wheel on printed Product info, etc. My Personal

Coach quit a few days ago, returning to a CEO position. I will have her coach now, and perhaps she will be more forthright (however I get the big picture now).

I will continue with OBS as I attain more operating \$\$\$ for my own success. I only wish I had known upfront exactly what it was going to take investment-wise to make the best choice at the time. I do not have an extra \$3000 right now to invest in my business. If you do, then I say "go for it"! Otherwise, I would say to hang on to your initial ~\$600-700, as OBS is not going to tell you the real deal.

Deb Staats, PA-C (yes I am a Physician Assistant and that is partly why I have such faith and respect for the Herbalife products).

Source: <http://www.imreportcard.com/biz-ops/partner-with-paul>

From: MLB

Date: August 11, 2009

I tripped across the partner With Paul web site and was drawn into it's promise of "free" information. Well, there's nothing for "Free" in this world and this certainly was not free. The transition from Paul's site to Herbalife was almost transparent. I grade myself as fairly well informed about web site navigation and entrepreneurial business opportunities but this one sucked my in hook, line and sinker! Yes, I joined Herbalife as a distributor but only because I see a 25% discount on a couple of the products I would use as a benefit to me. I really am not sure if Herbalife makes all their billions by selling products or renting out web sites. If you want a full blown, e-commerce web site you have to pay another \$59.95/MO to use it! That's on top of the \$9.95/MO to use the online contact management program and not counting the approx. \$50-\$150/MO in personal products! Of course, if you want a bigger discount on products, you can "promote" yourself by buying into a 50% discount position for a mere \$4000 up front purchase! Not exactly FREE!

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From: angryconsumer134, Statesville, NC

Date: January 11, 2013

A few months ago, I was looking online for a job that I could do at my home to help my boyfriend with our household bills. I stumbled upon a company named Herbalife. I signed up and got my starter kit a few weeks later.

The website said that there would be no inventory to manage, and no costs, other than the starter kit which was \$9.95. A few days into the program, they sent me a sample kit. It cost me \$150.00!

I wasn't too upset about that. But then a week later, during a training phone call, they said I needed to make a supervisor order. I figured that they would keep the product at their warehouse, and that the order would be paid for when it was bought by other customers.

They wouldn't tell me how much the order was, and they did not say they would be charging my account. You can imagine my anger and surprise when, a week after that, I open my front door, and see 8 boxes on my doorstep! I looked at the price on the order list, and it was \$3,500!

I received an overdraft statement from my bank the next day, and there was the \$3,550! On top of that, I had to sign up for their I-office, which was another \$9.95. I ended up spending almost \$5,000 on a company that promised no additional start-up cost!

Herbalife is a money hungry, lying bunch of a**es. Anyone who has thought about or has signed up with them, ditch this company! They will get money out of you anyway they can.

I *still* have boxes of product in my house, because I don't have the money to ship it back. They broke me, and then they expected me to pay to ship the product back to them, which would cost me another \$116.00!

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From: Scott, Oneida, NY

Date: October 29, 2011

Do not get involved with **Online Business Systems!!!** Get out as fast as you can. This company is misleading because it is marketing Herbalife. At first the coach "mentor" will not even tell you it's Herbalife.

Products are very high price. Market is saturated. Herbalife products don't sell good.

At first I was on a conference call with my coach's upline (Cynthia Robinson). If you run into her get off the phone fast. She kept pressuring, harassing me to buy \$700 dollars of inventory.

They said at first you don't need inventory. Then they try to force you. Herbalife Drains the money out of people.

I got out of this business in 5 months because I wasn't getting any sales off my website. They tell you that these products really move. I been getting hits on the website but no sales, red flag!!!

Also, the coaches talk nonsense. Tell you their stupid stories, talk to you like your stupid. They know nothing in the health and nutrition industry. The coaches do not know how to run a real business.

Now I know when you search for Online Business Systems and Herbalife there are lots of complaints. I even saw approx. 100 complaints from the Federal Trade Commission dating back to 2000.

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From: Joknowswwhy

Date: December 14, 2009

I was a member of the ETeam in Herbalife. Actually, I still am a member until January when my membership expires.

I think it should be noted that Herbalife company does not appear to be the creators of ETeam.

Herbalife is a MLM that requires its members to train their downline for free to grow their own business. It's against their rules to charge for such training.

It is true that their products had not been approved by the FDA. This is normal when it comes to natural alternative health products in the USA. The reason why that is, belongs in a completely different article.

It is also true that to get their best discount of 50% off, you must buy about \$3000 of stock. If you're not interested in investing money in stock, then this business is probably not for you.

ETeam is the fastest growing team in Herbalife. It does not affiliate itself with the Herbalife company. It's 'simply' a marketing program designed by one of it's distributors for themselves and their downline. Since it does seem to be the biggest 'team', & they make use of national Tv ads like 'Crazy Fox' the odds of someone coming into Herbalife through them is probably higher than getting on another team.

The strength of the ETeam, is that it's average members climb the Herbalife ladder much quicker than an Herbalife distributor that is on another team. That is, if you can afford the outrageous price tag they put on their leads, for a long period of time.

Because of the training ETeam gave me, I qualified for the 'World Team' level in my first month. That means I created \$15,000 in volume by signing up 3 'supervisors' under me who were willing to make the same investment, and some sales. That sounds pretty impressive, but that doesn't mean I was able to make back my investment.

ETeam sells its members 'Training Pack' leads at about \$100 each. This is basically a qualified lead of someone interested in starting a home business.

To be clear: \$100 for 1 person interested in starting a business.

Anyone who is in sales realizes this is an unconscionable price, since \$100 should at least buy you 500 leads.

In order to get on their training calls for how to dial these leads, you must be purchasing 10 leads a month. To be allowed to participate in these calls and get one-on-one training, the requirement is 25 leads a month. So you would be paying \$2500 a month for 25 leads, and training on how to

call them.

I believe this is a clever scheme to get around Herbalife's rule of not charging your downline for training. You're not paying for training, you're just paying an outrageous price for leads for which they will train you to call.

Herbalife is a good company with good products, although their marketing strategy is a little too old-school for my taste.

I think ETeam has hijacked alot of Herbalife's market through their high sales volume & new distributors, which in turn, benefits Herbalife. The price to Herbalife, is that their reputation gets marred because of ETeam's greediness.

My suggestion to someone considering this business, is to ask the person signing you up directly if they're on ETeam. Then you will have an idea of where this relationship is heading.

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From: Anonymous, Oldsmar, FL

Date: December 14, 2009

E-team marketing is another bs company that lies and uses deception to lure people into a home business that will only make you broke. I tried this business not knowing anything about mlms or what they really are, but after three months of total lies and pep rally calls, I now understand that the herbalife business is so saturated with distributors that you can't make money at all with their terrible products that make people sick.

Take my word for it, stay away from both of these companies unless you want to throw away money. When you sign up all you are doing is making everyone in e-team marketing rich while you struggle to make the money back that you spend when signing up to be a distributor. I learned my lesson, wish I knew about this ripoff report web site before I signed up, take my word for it. Just stay away. It's a scam and a ripoff!

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From: Jerry Kucas

Date: March 20, 2006

I bought into the Herbalife E-Team business a few weeks ago to the tune of almost \$3000 to become a Supervisor. I cannot "blame" anyone but myself for making a hasty decision. I requested the DVD training package by responding to a radio ad to go to a website HomeBiz8.com

Nothing on the site gave any clue what the business was, but I received a call from a representative who sent me the DVD. He didn't tell me what the company was (and I didn't really press him). He set up a second "interview" with another "upline" rep and the pressure was on big-time to make the appointment or I would miss out on the opportunity. I watched the DVD and it showed the multi-millionaire telling his story, but it STILL didn't say it was Herbalife. On the second call appointment I was told it was Herbalife and the way to make up to \$15,000 per month was to buy in as a Supervisor (hence the \$3000 worth of products). But this call led to another upline to the top distributor of this branch of the business, and once again I was pressured to make this call or I would miss out. Oh, and on this second call I was told how to access the rest of the story on the DVD through some hidden mechanism. And I was also required to complete the training DVD and do the questionnaire 24 hours BEFORE the next appointment or I would not get to have the next appointment. So I faithfully went through the training and did the questionnaire. During this time I received multiple email reminders to make my appointment because the business was booming and I would miss out otherwise. There would be NO second chances.

On my final appointment call, which are all attended by all the distributors involved in recruiting me, the top lady told me she was making \$30,000 a month and the ONLY way for me to really become financially free was to come in as a Supervisor (\$3000), to not even think about the lower levels. By the way, all these levels and revenue earning opportunities were explained on the "hidden" part 2 on the DVD. So I gave my credit card # and in about a week received 4 huge boxes of Herbalife products to sell (and some for myself). I even went to the local rally in Dallas which was very exciting and gave many testimonials of people succeeding in this business (about 2000 people there).

I was still determined and excited when I left the 2 day meetings, but the "kicker" really came when I received my next follow-up call where I was to decide what level to commit to, either a Producer (sell the products only) or a Builder (recruit other distributors). Of course I wanted the most so on that call I started to make that choice. HOWEVER, here's where the real shock occurred. I was told to become a part of this Builder team and to really make the money I wanted I had to "buy" advertising shares and the minimum recommended number of shares was 5 at \$250 each per week (or whenever I could buy them). Each share would yield 14 leads which I would then call at a rate of at least 3 or 4 times per day, and I should be calling 400 per week to start to reap the benefits. Doing the math I decided to stop totally at that point.

I tell all this as a caution to anyone reading this or contemplating this distributorship with Herbalife. I almost went for 3 shares per week, but reality finally hit and I backed out. They were trying to be helpful at that point and wanted to help me sell the \$3000 worth of products. But that would cost me in increments of \$400 for more leads, or I could sell to family and friends. I posted my Herbalife stock on E-Bay and sold it at a loss of \$1900.

I was too hasty, not cautious enough. Yet I felt duped and deceived and tricked and pressured into each decision I made for myself. They are nice people, they probably are succeeding; I just decided I couldn't afford it and I did not want to use this method to bring other people into this business.