



BOARD MATCH

Resource Center for Nonprofits
A Program of the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County

~ BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM ~

Date _____

Name _____ Email _____

Telephone (work) _____ (home) _____ (fax) _____

Address _____ (Zip) _____

- SKILLS YOU OFFER**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation | <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

WORK HISTORY Please give a brief description of work experience in which the above skills have been used, or attached a resume highlighting relevant work experience.

AREAS OF INTEREST Please state causes for which you feel a personal passion (for example, classical music, theatre, medical research, the homeless, children's issues, etc.)

- TYPE OF AGENCY** Please check which you prefer:
- An emerging, new organization with little or no structure established
 - A young organization with less than 5 years operational experience
 - An adolescent organization (5-15 years experience)
 - A mature, established organization
 - An organization in transition/reorganization

Are you willing to participate on a committee before being considered for the board? Yes No

GEOGRAPHIC AVAILABILITY Please state the community where you would like to serve.

Additional comments? *Please feel free to use the back of this form, too.*

Please return this form to: Resource Center for Nonprofits, 153 Stony Circle Suite 100, Santa Rosa, CA 95401
fax to 707-573-3380, or email to jbertelsen@volunteernow.org



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What is BOARD MATCH?

BOARD MATCH is a service of the Resource Center for Nonprofits, a program of the Volunteer Center, which matches Sonoma County residents who want to make a difference with nonprofit organizations that need committed board members.

How does BOARD MATCH work?

Using an application and matching process, BOARD MATCH helps to connect board candidates with compatible nonprofits. People with any level of board experience are encouraged to apply. Workshops are offered for people with little or no previous board experience.

As a Candidate, BOARD MATCH . . .

- Introduces you to the world of nonprofit boards and the resources that will help you become an effective board member.
- Helps you choose a board that is best suited to your interests and skills.
- Your involvement offers you an opportunity to learn the roles and responsibilities of board membership.
- Introduces you to organizations with causes you care about.
- Helps you become more engaged in your community.
- Provides networking opportunities that may help in your life goals.

As a Nonprofit Agency, BOARD MATCH . . .

- Provides you with interested candidates with skills that are applicable to your needs.
- Helps strengthen your board by offering a way to regularly and thoughtfully increase board membership and replace outgoing members.

What is the BOARD MATCH application process?

For Board Candidates

Anyone over 18 years of age may apply. Experience in areas such as legal, finance, PR/marketing, fund raising, management, and organizational development is helpful but not necessary. The desire to lead and make a difference in the community is essential.

- Complete and return the application, and make an appointment for consultation at the Volunteer Center.
- A BOARD MATCH staff will identify several agencies that are currently recruiting board members and provide you with that information.
- Interview with each agency and make a selection.
- Attend Resource Center workshop on Basic Board Training (encouraged)
- Please keep the Resource Center informed of your progress and final selection. We are here to help if you have any questions.

For Agencies

Any agency that has their nonprofit status can have an agency request form on file.

- Complete and return the application.
- Once names are submitted to you, we strongly recommend you contact board applicants within 7 - 10 days for an interview.
- Attend Resource Center workshop on Board Development (encouraged)
- Please keep the Resource Center involved. Let us know how the matching process worked for you.
- Please be sure to regularly update the Resource Center regarding your board member needs.

For more information

Call 707-573-3399, x116 for more information or to request the BOARD MATCH **Board Candidate or Agency** application packet.

Go to www.volunteernow.org, to download information about BOARD MATCH, the Board Candidate Application Form, or the Agency Request Form.

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