

Board Candidate Application

1. Why do you want to serve on this Board?

2. What expertise or special skills do you possess that would help this Board function more effectively?

3. How would you share these skills?

4. What do you hope to accomplish during Board service?
 - Leadership position(s)—list those you're interested in:

 - Your personal goals for Board service:
 - a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - Personal development: (How will serving on the Board help you develop skills or meet your interests?)

The following is a list for Board members. Check off duties you know you have the time and skills to perform.

Knowledge and preparation:

- Educate myself on the nonprofit, its history, goals, clients/constituency, staff, current situation, problems and needs.
- Keep abreast of national, state and local trends that affect the nonprofit and its clients or constituency.
- Educate myself on the roles and responsibilities of the Board as a whole, as well as those of individual Board members.

Participation:

- Participate in the tasks of the Board.
- Be an enthusiastic and knowledgeable voice for the nonprofit.
- Serve actively on at least one committee; understand how committees relate to the Board.
- Act as an advocate for the nonprofit and the people we serve.
- Contribute financially to the nonprofit/provide fund-raising contacts/in-kind donations.
- Participate in discussions at meetings; ask probing questions and seek relevant answers before voting.

- Report to the Board, in written or verbal form, as appropriate.
- Recognize my role as a member of the team.

5. Hobbies or other non-work interests:

6. Where do you work and what do you do on the job?

7. Past work experience:

8. Past Board experience:

9. Have you volunteered for this nonprofit before?

10. Have you held a leadership position on a Board in the past?

11. What position?

Board Applicant's Signature

Date

References: All board applications must be accompanied by at least two references from people in the local community who have known the candidate for more than one year.

Reference 1:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Comments: _____

Reference 2:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Comments: _____

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION THAT ALLOWS THE CASA ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A FULL BACKGROUND CHECK ON THE APPLICANT BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OR AN APPROPRIATE AGENCY, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES AND SUCH RECORDS AS MAY BE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE ORGANIZATION. ALL INFORMATION IS HELD IS STRICT CONFIDENCE BY THE CASA ORGANIZATION.

Board Biography Questionnaire

Directions: Fill out this questionnaire and give it to your Executive Director before the next Board meeting.

Name (include nickname): _____

Home Address: _____

City: State: Zip: _____

Work Address: _____

City: State: Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ *Work Phone:* _____

Email Address: _____ *Birth Date:* _____

Briefly describe your background and interests:

How long have you lived in the community?

Family members:

Educational Experiences:
