

Board Application Form

Date _____

Name _____

Email _____

Phone h) _____ w) _____ c) _____

Address _____

Resume Attached

Brief Statement of Interest - please describe why you would like to join the Forest Preserve Friends Foundation Board and what skills you feel you can contribute.

Previous Experience on a Board*: ___yes ___no

If yes, please specify the board(s): _____

** Orientation and training is provided to make sure board members are comfortable and knowledgeable in their role; previous board experience is an asset but not required.*

How can you support the Foundations goal of developing a more diverse network?

Specific Areas of Relevant Expertise: Please select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting or Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event or Project Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordination/Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Qualifications

A team player with an interest in the Forest Preserve District’s key mission, **Protecting Nature. Creating Connections.** Board members must have a willingness to:

- Engage in critical thought and be committed to a vibrant future for the organization
- Prepare well for meetings, reviewing and commenting on minutes and reports
- Listen well and be thoughtful in considering issues
- Get to know staff and other board members and build a collegial working relationship that contributes to consensus
- Actively participate in the board’s annual planning efforts
- Understand the fiscal implications of decisions
- Cultivate relationships within the Forest Preserve’s community of patrons and donors
- Volunteer at special events

Responsibilities

- Commit time for regular monthly Board meetings, committee meetings and planning sessions
- Provide strategic leadership
- Be knowledgeable about the organization’s values, mission, programs and facilities
- Be an ambassador for the organization and promote its work in the community
- Work to ensure the organization’s financial viability and sustainability
- Develop policy frameworks
- Participate in fundraising and donor engagement efforts
- Make an annual financial contribution that is within your capacity

To carry out these responsibilities, the Board meets monthly throughout the year at the Museum of the Grand Prairie in Mahomet and via Zoom. In addition to attendance at Board meetings, you will be asked to participate on committees.

To inquire about joining our passionate, knowledgeable and dedicated Foundation Board, please contact Executive Director Lorrie Pearson at lpearson@ccfpd.org or 217.586.3360. Send completed applications to foundation@ccfpd.org. Thank you for your interest in the Champaign County Forest Preserve Friends Foundation!

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For Committee Use Only

How did we connect with this applicant:

- Recommendation by a current Board member
- Recommendation by Staff member
- External / Public Advertisement
- Other: _____

- Application has been reviewed by the Committee** Date: _____
- Applicant has been interviewed by the Committee** Date: _____
- Applicant has been approved by the Board** Date: _____