



Guardian Whiskers Board Application

Guardian Whiskers helps govern the overall execution of the organization's mission. The Board helps manage the organization's finances and sets long-term priorities for the programs, including the development of the Book Buddies Reading Program and the Taradiddle Youth Writing Contests. Additionally, the Board works together with the Executive Director, who is responsible for the organization's day-to-day management. Overall, the members of the Board contribute the educational, management, legal, and financial skills needed to ensure long-term organizational stability and ensure year-to-year educational excellence for Guardian Whisker's mission.

The Board of Directors has up to 5 voting members. Terms are for 2 years.

Board Member responsibilities include attendance at regular board meetings (twice per year), as well as teleconference meetings and active electronic conversations as part of Board committees. Board members also hold fiduciary responsibility for the management of organizational capital and ensuring appropriate filings with federal, state, and local authorities consistent with the organization's status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. The attendance policy allows for removal if three consecutive meetings are missed without notice.

To apply:

- Submit this Board application and your resume to Michelle Livanos, at hello@guardianwhiskers.org.
- Copies of this application and your resume will be distributed to members of the Board Candidate Selection Committee and will aid in understanding how you would like to contribute to the organization's work.

Time and Financial Considerations

Meetings

- Board meetings – twice per year
- Committee work
- Annual Meeting
- Annual Fundraiser – board participation needed/required

Gifts

Board members will be asked for cash or in-kind gift; 100% participation is sought; the amount is optional, but we ask that board members consider giving a significant amount that is meaningful to them. Board members should maintain an active membership status during their term.

Application for Guardian Whiskers Board Candidacy

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Understanding that positive reinforcement training techniques are utilized

Guardian Whiskers advocates positive reinforcement training methods, including pain-free, force-free, and do-no-harm training techniques. I certify that I understand that these training methods are practiced at Guardian Whiskers' events and programs, as well as recommended in the homes of the Book Buddies therapy team volunteers.

Signature

We want to understand how your potential contributions might fit with Guardian Whisker's vision. Please answer the following questions. Please also send your resume to: Michelle Livanos, at hello@guardianwhiskers.org.

1. Please **briefly** describe your academic and professional background and other relevant experiences.

2. Why do you seek a position on this board?

3. Please briefly outline the specific skills you bring to this board or contributions you hope to make.

4. Are you currently serving on a board of directors for another organization? If so, please list the organization's name and your position/role.

5. How do you describe your communication style?

6. What is your preferred method of contact/communication? Check below.

Email

Phone

Text