



Application to Serve – Board of Directors

Role of the School Board for *The Classical Academies*:

- Policy making board overseeing the (4) public charter schools.
- Provide leadership in reviewing and creating policy and procedures to support the (4) charter schools.
- Provide leadership in overseeing the academic and financial programs for the (4) charter schools.
- Provide leadership and feedback for the CEO in their role to lead the organization.

Application Elements

Please use the information here to create a cover letter and additional pages to answers the following questions. Please, also include a resume for review as part of this process.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Street Address: _____ DOB: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Occupation or previous occupation: _____

- Why are you interested in becoming a Board Member for *The Classical Academies*?
- Our Board meets quarterly and may be called to meet for special circumstances / emergencies. Have you considered the time commitment involved in being a volunteer Board Member?
- Explain your understanding of the responsibilities of a school Board member?
- What skills, connections, resources, and expertise do have to offer and are willing to use to benefit *The Classical Academies* in a Board member role?
- What appeals to you about Board service as a volunteer activity?
- Articulate your understanding of the mission of *The Classical Academies* and the (3) most important tasks necessary to fulfill that mission.

- How have you already demonstrated a passion for *The Classical Academies*?
- Please explain your understanding of the Board's fiduciary and legal oversight responsibilities and the Board's role in the process.
- What expectations do you have for the organization as a Board member?
- What skills and abilities will you bring to an existing team as a new Board member?
- Have you ever been convicted of a crime? If yes, please elaborate.

Additional Information to Consider:

- Board member terms are 4-year assignments and may be renewed as defined in the corporate bylaws for the organization.
- The Classical Academies serve a community where parents desire a connection to their son or daughters' academic program in an active and meaningful way. It is necessary that Board members, and school leadership, understand and appreciate the parent's role and collectively work to support it.
- Board members will receive a travel stipend for each meeting they attend. The organization does not compensate Board members with a salary or benefits package.
- Board members will sign a conflict of interest statement and annually submit Form 700 to ensure that they are aware of the state's policies regarding participation as a Board member at a public charter school.
- Law requires that Board members adhere to the Ralph M. Brown Act, Political Reform Act, and Government Code 1090 in our quarterly meetings and will attend annual training on their role to increase their understanding of these elements.
- Board members understand and appreciate that they only act as a group in their decision-making authority and have no power individually outside of meetings to change, augment, or modify policy or procedures.
- Board members value compromise, collegial discussions, and avoid conflict in meetings to ensure that students, and their learning, remain central and not secondary.
- The Board chairman reviews all applications completed and interviews are scheduled based on need, openings, and skill set of the Board at the time of submission. **Not every application will garner an interview for service.**

*Please expound upon any other information you think is important in determining your qualifications for our Governance Board. **Please return your completed application to Sonia Ryan, Director of Administration at sryan@classicalacademy.com or 355 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, California 92025***