



board application

Please fill out this form to help the agency assess how your strengths, experiences and networks might contribute to NWYS' internal resources and community linkages. Please be advised that if your application for board membership is approved, some demographic information about you may be released to funding agencies or other public bodies as required.

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210 Lottie St, Bham kmmartens@cob.org 6 months and counting!

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Do you have any experience working with youth or addressing youth issues?
please describe:

Yes

No If yes,

In my early 20's I was a camp counselor for about 5 consecutive summers in San Diego County for a Methodist Camp and a Girl Scout Camp for youth ranging in age from 10-18

If you have any background or experience in any of the following areas, please check and provide some insight into that experience in the space below. Next, circle the content area(s) that would be of interest for your portfolio with NWYS.

Legal Donor Cultivation

PR/Community Awareness/Marketing Event Planning

Financial Management Human Resources

Public Policy Advocacy Other _____

In the space below and/or on back, please expand upon your experience in these categories:

Before entering the public service sector, I worked as a freelance event planner preparing events for as few as 10 to as large as 300. My work with Shu-Ling Zhao and Chuckanut Health Foundation to create space for and then develop the structure for what a Whatcom Racial Equity Commission would like gave me a lot of first-hand experience in being a public policy advocate locally. While undertaking my first, and luckily successful campaign for public office I was able to raise \$69,000 and credit a lot of that success to my knowledge of PR/community awareness/marketing.

Have you served on a board of directors before? Yes No

If yes, please list organization(s) and years of service:

Currently serving on the YWCA board, brand new member with just 2 months under my belt.

What motivates you to want to be a part of Northwest Youth Services' mission?

In a perfect world, everyone would be born into a place where they have all their basic needs met. Unfortunately, many people endure unforeseen obstacles which can lead to them not being able to achieve the base level of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Without correct support, it often leads to people becoming stuck in a cycle of poverty and prevents them from being able to achieve their full potential and/or advocate for themselves. I believe that NWYS and entities like this step into the inequity chasm that is the gap in basic human services which our current government structure allows for (and heavily contributes to), disproportionately impacting some of our most vulnerable populations (our youth). NWYS is not only a second chance, but often a first chance for youth in need to be supported and assisted, allowing them to an opportunity to not just survive, but thrive.

Have you previously volunteered in some capacity for NWYS? Yes No

If yes, please describe:

Given your personal and professional obligations, how much time per month do you estimate it will be feasible to schedule and dedicate to NWYS board service?

10-15

Since NWYS serves a uniquely vulnerable population, it is essential that all staff, volunteers, board members and other people on the Agency's premises be persons of demonstrably good character. For this reason, NWYS will conduct a Washington State Patrol WATCH (Washington Access to Criminal History) Background Check on all board member applicants. NWYS may, at its discretion, choose not to accept a board applicant who has been convicted of a violent crime or crimes involving or related to abuse or exploitation if, after conducting an

individualized assessment involving the applicant's criminal record, employment history, conduct in the years since the conviction and other relevant circumstances, NWYS determines that board membership of the applicant would pose an unacceptable safety risk to NWYS' clientele and/or staff.

As a board applicant are you willing to consent to a WATCH background check?

Yes No

Please list the names of two people who you know would provide important insight into your capacity to serve our board effectively.

Name of Reference Business Years Acquainted

1. Shu-Ling Zhao,
 - a. Independent contractor/community advocate
 - b. 3 years
 - c. Bham
 - d. shuling.hergenbahn.zhao@gmail.com
 - e. 360.219.3786
2. Alex Brunner
 - a. Marketing
 - b. 4 years
 - c. Bham
 - d. alex@intellitonic.com
 - e. 360.920.9072

Please attach your resume or other pertinent information to this form.

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