



Board of Directors Call for Nominations 2-year term beginning July 1, 2022

SUMMARY

The mission of Smokefree SC is **to support and amplify the work of tobacco prevention and control stakeholders throughout South Carolina**. We are currently focusing on reducing the burden of tobacco use in vulnerable and marginalized populations in South Carolina which have high adult smoking rates and minimal secondhand smoke protections.

Nonprofit board service is an excellent opportunity to learn about organizational development, participate in strategic planning, and meet and work with like-minded colleagues who share your interest in protecting South Carolinians from the enormous toll of tobacco products.

Some of the rewarding aspects of serving on our board as noted by current board members:

- Meeting new partners across the state and developing relationships with them to further the mission of Smokefree SC
- The organization supports my interest in tobacco prevention and control work
- It gives me a feeling of accomplishment
- It helps me professionally
- The meetings are socially enjoyable

Join us! Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged.

PRIORITY NEEDS FOR OPEN BOARD SEATS

Location

We strive to have board members who represent different areas throughout the state and are accepting nominees from any location in South Carolina.

Experience & Expertise

1. **Smoking Cessation** – experience as a cessation counselor and/or promoting cessation services particularly in marginalized communities and populations
2. **Rural/Low-income/At-risk Populations** – experience and relationships in rural, low-income, or other at-risk communities
3. **Local Advocacy and Organizing** - experience in community engagement, educating local influencers and policymakers, and/or recruiting others to become volunteer advocates
4. **State Lobbying** – someone who can keep the Board, staff, and our constituents updated on SC state bills that directly impact tobacco prevention and control efforts
5. **Accounting/CPA** – to serve as Treasurer, review quarterly financial reports, meet quarterly with the Finance & Operations Director, and provide financial advice or guidance as needed



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Nomination/Application Form

Nominee Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Nominated by: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: cell: _____ 2nd daytime number: _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Residence County:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

If employed, employer name: _____ **Job Title:** _____

If retired, what was your profession? _____

Why are you interested in serving on the Smokefree SC Board of Directors?

Which of the priority needs listed above best fit your area of experience or expertise? (Check all that apply)

- Smoking Cessation Rural/Low income/At-risk Populations
- Local Advocacy/ Organizing State Lobbying Accounting

Please tell us about your experience and expertise in the area(s) you selected above:

Do you currently or have you previously served on any other nonprofit Board of Directors in the past 3-5 years? Please note if you served as an officer on any of these and when your term(s) expire.



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How would you describe your knowledge of nonprofit governance?

(This knowledge is not necessary to become a board member but helpful for us to know.)

Very knowledgeable Somewhat knowledgeable Not knowledgeable, but willing to learn

The primary responsibilities of a nonprofit Board are financial and governance oversight, providing support to the Executive Director, strategic planning to help the organization achieve its mission, and promoting the work and events of the organization to your networks and colleagues. Overall, how comfortable are you taking on these responsibilities?

Very comfortable Somewhat comfortable Not comfortable

How likely is it that if you find this Board of Directors a good fit for you, you would be willing to take on a leadership role within 1 or 2 years?

Very likely Somewhat likely Not likely Not Sure

Do you feel that you have adequate time to commit to becoming an active and contributing Board member? The general time commitment is: attending quarterly meetings in Columbia with a virtual option for attendance; 15-20 minutes of document review before each quarterly meeting; reviewing and responding to emails between meetings; and attending additional meetings for projects or committees you choose to be involved in.

Yes, definitely Most likely I'm not sure

For the standard nonprofit board member annual donation, board members are asked to contribute to a group sponsorship for our annual Summit at a suggested minimum amount of \$50. Are you comfortable with this contribution amount?

Yes, definitely Most likely I'm not sure

Your Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Nomination Timeframe: *All nominees will be contacted in March or April to schedule an interview during mid-late April or early May.*

Please email your completed application to: Rebecca Jacobson, Executive Director
rebecca@smokefreesc.org

Thank you for your interest!