



Declaration of Candidacy

Board of Directors, Carolinas Credit Union Foundation

The role of the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation Board of Directors is to ensure that the Foundation operates effectively in pursuit of its strategic goals, mission, and vision. The Carolinas Credit Union Foundation helps enrich the lives of those in the Carolinas by supporting the ability of credit unions, chapters and business partners to make a greater impact in their communities. The Foundation's Board of Directors is comprised of 15 credit union leaders and business partner professionals representing communities from across the Carolinas.

Board members are elected by members of the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation at its Annual Meeting of Members held in the first quarter of each year and serve three-year terms. Candidates interested in serving on the Board must submit the attached Declaration of Candidacy form and return it to the Foundation's President. The appointed nominating committee will review all candidates for consideration and notify the membership of approved candidates at least 10 days in advance of the Annual Meeting of Members. No more than one director from any one credit union may serve on the Board of Directors.

The Foundation Board is committed to the development of new leadership opportunities and strengthening of existing relationships with credit unions and industry partners. Further, the Foundation Board is committed to developing diversity on its board by region, asset size, race and gender while maintaining the ultimate goal of securing excellent, committed candidates.

The information requested on the following pages will be used to determine a candidate's strength and eligibility for an open seat on the Foundation Board. Candidates should consider these characteristics and experiences when self-assessing their qualifications for a Board position:

- Demonstrated commitment and engagement in the credit union system.
- Involvement of their credit union in the community including engagement with civic organizations and local non-profits.
- Dedication to credit union values.
- Strategic expertise and proven decision-making skills.

Further, each Board member will commit to the best of their ability to do the following:

- Attend all meetings of the Board (four per year with a strategic planning session held every 3 years).
- Communicate with the President and provide ongoing feedback and guidance on performance.
- Oversee the financial well-being of the Foundation and approve annual Foundation budgets.
- Take an active role in educating credit union system leadership throughout the year, including promoting the Foundation at League-organized, regional or national industry conferences.
- Cultivate and solicit contributions from credit unions and/or other industry groups as identified.
- Make an annual personal financial contribution to the Foundation.
- Serve on the Foundation's committees as appointed by the Board Chair.
- Attend the Foundation's events and functions.
- Comply with the Foundation's Operating Policies, Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Policy

Please send the completed application to the Foundation president, Lauren Whaley via email at lwhaley@carolinasfoundation.org for consideration by the nominating committee.



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Candidate name: _____ CU Asset Size: \$ _____

Title/Position: _____ Years in the CU System: _____

CU Name & Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Direct Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Explain why you would like to serve on the Board of the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation. Please list your involvement in the credit union system and/or on charitable or non-credit union related organizations committees or boards.

Does your board and/or management team support your candidacy and commitment to the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation Board of Directors?

Signature of candidate

(Date)