
Position Description: Governing Board Member

- Part-time
- Volunteer
- Hybrid with a Chicago-Focus

About Snow City Arts

Snow City Arts (SCA) inspires and educates children and youth in hospitals through the arts. SCA's arts education workshops serve hundreds of children each year at our four partner hospitals, which include Rush University Children's Hospital, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, Cook County Health, and Children's Hospital University of Illinois. At each hospital, SCA Teaching Artists engage children and youth in art-based workshops in creative writing, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts delivering a rigorous, standards-based arts curriculum differentiated to meet each student's specific needs while aligning with formal state and national learning standards.

Summary of Position

Snow City Arts is currently building its plan for the next three years while we continue to deliver on our mission offering arts learning opportunities to young people. In addition to our work in hospitals, we launched our Youth Leadership Council last year and are excited to see it grow to increase alumni engagement and foster the development of leadership skills across these key stakeholders. We are seeking new Board Members to support the organization and lead us into the future.

We are currently seeking candidates with the following traits and skill sets:

- Passion for the mission and interest and ability to serve as an advocate and ambassador for Snow City Arts
- Proven experience in the following fields: education, human resources, law, and finance.
- Willingness to leverage personal and professional networks that create new opportunities for increasing the organization's visibility, partnerships, and donor base.
- Orientation toward honesty, sensitivity to and tolerance of differing views, a friendly and responsive approach, community-building skills, personal integrity, a developed sense of value, concern for Snow City Arts' development, and a sense of humor.
- Engagement in Snow City Arts' commitment to generating an environment centered on learning, equity, and inclusivity. SCA aims to advance systemic change in the arts and is building a vision and framework for anti-racist work across the organization.

Snow City Arts is committed to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic team. ALAANA-identified individuals, trans and gender nonconforming people, people from poor and working-class backgrounds, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Board Member Expectations

Meetings and Events

- Attend four of six Board meetings per year and other meetings as required by the Board President.
- Serve on at least one committee or short-term task force. Committees currently include Board Resource, Finance, Development, Expansion, Program, and Racial Equity Working Group.
- Attend annual gala (Gallery Night) and other events.
- From time to time throughout the year, attend events to demonstrate support for SCA and to best understand its work and impact.

Expertise

- Provide valuable insight and direction in areas of expertise such as education, human resources, law, and finance.
- Work individually with SCA staff on a project in your area of specialty when the opportunity arises.

Financial Support

- Financially support Snow City Arts through both a personal donation and the facilitation of donations, for a minimum combined total of \$3,500 annually.
- Reach out to your networks for financial support.
- Participate in SCA's annual fundraising gala by soliciting cash and in-kind donations from friends, family, and colleagues.
- Help to raise funds in other ways, including writing personal notes on Fall appeal letters and event invitations, and contributing information to grant proposals.
- Host or co-host a board fundraising event annually.

Outreach/Relationship Building

- Introduce friends and colleagues to the work of SCA.
- Help identify and cultivate prospective Board Members for SCA.
- Recruit Host Committee members for annual Gala.

Year-at-a-Glance

Q1 – Jan - March	Q2 – April - June	Q3 – July - September	Q4 – October-December
3-5 Board Events	3-5 Board Events	Gallery Night: Annual Fundraising Event	Year-end Fundraising Appeal
Previous year goals reviewed	Spring Fundraising Appeal	Programmatic and Financial Planning for coming year	Board approves budget for coming year
Board Self-Assessment	Annual Financial Audit		Fiscal Year Ends
Previous year Student Impact Report			
Snowcase: annual student exhibition			

How to Apply

If you are interested in being considered for a Board position at Snow City Arts, please reach out to **Carrie Spitler** via info@snowcityarts.org.