

ASCEND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

Thank you for considering serving as a Board member for Ascend Leadership Academy. Please find general information about our school and this position below.

I. General Description

Ascend Leadership Academy empowers students for the 21st century. The mission of ALA is to develop successful student leaders by growing their self-efficacy, intellectual understanding, and social competence. ALA accomplishes this by applying innovative teaching methods, incorporating student cultural realities and cultivating student ownership in the learning community.

Regular meetings of the Board are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson of the Board whenever deemed necessary. No action of the Board is official unless taken at a regular or special meeting

Board Members have authority to govern the school as a group and have no authority to act as individuals. All meetings of the Board are open to the public. An agenda will be sent to each member prior to the board meeting with member input so that each meeting runs smoothly. All Board actions are recorded in the minutes as the official permanent record of the Board. A copy of the minutes of each Board meeting is available on-line after each meeting.

II. Qualifications

- A. Be an advocate of public education in NC, and the charter school role in the public education system
- B. Have experience and/or a skill set that adds value to the work of the Board
- C. Have the respect of those who you have worked with previously
- D. Have a desire to be an active Board member in a non-profit organization
- E. Be a team member who can provide solutions and a positive attitude
- F. Be a resident of the multi-county communities that surround Ascend Leadership Academy

III. Responsibilities

- A. Uphold the school mission and by-laws
- B. Establish, review and revise (as necessary) the policies of the school
- C. Oversee and ensure fiscal responsibility in the operation of the school
- D. Work with the school administration to support their day to day operation of the school
- E. Monitor operations to ensure financial security and strategic organizational planning
- F. Evaluate and update the job responsibilities of the Managing Director (as required)
- G. Select and evaluate the Managing Director and confirm the hiring of other school personnel as recommended by the Managing Director
- H. Attend Board meetings as scheduled and school functions where appropriate/available
- I. Serve on at least one board subcommittee needed for the operation of the school

IV. General information

- A. Applications will be reviewed by a Board member search committee, the Managing Director, and a representative from Charter Success Partners. Generally, interviews will be conducted in the spring, and elections will occur in May after which transition will occur through the start of the new school year. When a vacancy occurs, interviews will be on a rolling basis as applications are received.
- B. The officers of the Board will be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Other members are at large members. Bylaws state that 9 members is the maximum board size, a term is for (4) four consecutive years.
- C. Children of Board members will be given preference in the Ascend Leadership Academy admission lottery.

Application for ALA Board

Member Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

Are you a current or former employee of Ascend Leadership Academy? _____

Are any of your immediate family member's current or previous employees of Ascend Leadership Academy? _____

If yes, list Names/ Dates of Employment _____

Education/Degree _____ **School** _____

Professional Organization or Society Memberships:

Children (Name/Age, School Attending/Attended):

- ✓ Please use additional sheets of paper to answer any of the open-ended questions.
- ✓ Attach a resume or list work/volunteer history with dates.

Write a brief statement about your vision for an ideal educational environment.

Share your thoughts about the role of charter schools in NC.

Why do you wish to serve on the Ascend Leadership Academy Board?

List experiences that you have had to prepare you to serve on this board.

Please list three (non-Board member) references who could be contacted (Name/Relationship/Phone or E mail):

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All Board member candidates will be subject to a background check prior to selection. Please send the completed application to Jennifer Adler, Operations Director, Charter Success Partners 3600 N. Duke Street Suite 103, Durham, NC 27703 or by email to jennifera@chartersuccesspartners.com.