

# 2024 MCF Board Application Questions

## Preamble

Thank you for your interest in serving as a member of the MCF Board of Directors. Serving on the board is an opportunity to build relationships across MCF's diverse membership and influence the field of philanthropy in Minnesota. It is an opportunity to express leadership in the field, as well as gain personal and professional growth. MCF welcomes applicants who: bring diverse experience and perspectives; have an interest in service and governance; and have a commitment to strengthening MCF and the field of philanthropy. MCF seeks candidates who have knowledge about philanthropy's role in the community, and::

- Are employed by or serve on the board of a MCF member organization; or
- are not affiliated with a MCF member organization and have experience with nonprofit organizations, government, grassroots or volunteer-led community groups

Note: The MCF board has historically been comprised solely of MCF members. In 2023, in order to demonstrate our commitment to inclusion and power-sharing, MCF will recruit two new board members to the class of 2024 who are not MCF members (see bullet number two above). While it is not essential, it will be helpful for those applicants to have some previous familiarity or experience with MCF.

These board positions are not intended for former staff or board of MCF member organizations, philanthropy consultants, or people representing foundations that decide against being MCF members despite their eligibility. MCF board members do not receive compensation for their service. Reimbursement will be provided to board members for whom travel expenses are a barrier to participate.

Please complete the application below for consideration. If you have questions or need assistance completing this form, please contact MCF Governance and Operations Manager, Brianna Kocka at 612.335.3559 or email [bkocka@mcf.org](mailto:bkocka@mcf.org).

Applications are accepted until 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2023.

## Questions

1. Please provide contact information
  - a. Name
  - b. Organization/Affiliation
  - c. Email
  - d. Phone
2. Are you employed by, or on the board of a current MCF member organization?
  - a. Yes (will include member questions)
  - b. No (will include nonmember questions)
3. **Member Question:** What is your foundation type?
  - a. Community or Public Foundation
  - b. Corporate Foundation or Corporate Giving Program

- c. Private Family Foundation
  - d. Private Independent Foundation
  - e. Grantmaking Public Charities
  - f. Associate Member: Philanthropy Serving Organization or Funder Collaborative
4. **Member Question:** Describe your previous or current involvement with the Minnesota Council on Foundations.
5. **Member Question:** At MCF we practice our Principles for Philanthropy. In what ways are you personally and professionally committed to these principles and practices?
6. **Nonmember Question:** Describe your knowledge of the Minnesota Council on Foundations role in the community and, if applicable, any experience you have had with MCF.
7. Describe your interest in serving in a leadership role with the Minnesota Council on Foundations.
8. Describe your past experience serving on governing boards or committees, including, as applicable, at MCF.
9. What perspective(s) will you bring to MCF from your employment and/or community activities? Please feel free to refer to both current and previous employment and/or community activities if you wish.
10. In which region of the state do you reside?
  - a. Northeast
  - b. Northwest
  - c. Central
  - d. Southwest
  - e. Southeast
  - f. Twin Cities Metro
  - g. Out of State
  - h. Other
11. Do you work in a different region than you reside? If so, which region do you work in.
  - a. Northwest
  - b. Northeast
  - c. Central
  - d. Southwest
  - e. Southeast
  - f. Twin Cities Metro
  - g. Out of State
  - h. Other
12. At MCF, we value DEI and have a commitment to anti-racism. In what ways do you demonstrate your personal and professional commitment to DEI and anti-racism?
13. Share your views on the most strategic roles for MCF in these times?
14. MCF board members also serve on at least one committee. Which committees are you interested in (select all that apply)?
  - a. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
  - b. Finance, Audit and Administrative Committee
  - c. Governance Committee
  - d. Government Relations and Public Policy Committee

- e. Membership Committee
  - f. Program and Annual Conference Committee
15. **Optional Question:** MCF is committed to building a diverse board comprised of individuals from different backgrounds, and with a range experience, skills, characteristics and viewpoints. If you wish, you are welcome to share additional information that may be of interest to the Governance Committee.

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