

APPLICATION FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc. is seeking interested persons to serve as members on the Board or as volunteers. Please complete this application form or send a letter with all of the following information to:

**Executive Director
Advocacy Center for
Persons with Disabilities, Inc.
2728 Centerview Drive, Suite 102
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Phone: (850) 488-9071
Fax: (850) 488-8640**

Please check only one: Board of Directors: _____

Volunteer work: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number(s): Home: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer _____

Date of Application: _____

6. Describe your experience advocating for people with disabilities or others.

7. Discuss your leadership or policy development experience.

8. Are you a member of other disability or civil rights organizations? If so, please identify those groups below.

9. Discuss your experience in fundraising.

I live in the following geographical region:

- Panhandle**
- North Florida**
- Central Florida**
- South Florida**
- Keys & Other Islands**

The Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities, Inc.'s Board values diversity. In order to assist the Board in selecting diverse Board members, please identify which of the following groups(s) you belong to.

- African American**
- Asian/Pacific Islander**
- Hispanic/Latino**
- Native American**
- White**
- Multi-Racial**
- Decline to state**
- Developmental Disability**
- Psychiatric Disability**
- Learning Disability**
- Sensory Disability**
- Physical Disability**
- Other Disability**

Please Specify: _____

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- Family member, guardian, advocate or authorized representative of an individual with a disability**
 - Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender**
 - Other:** _____
 - Decline to state**

These questions are voluntary and no applicant will be granted or denied a seat on the Advocacy Center's Board of Directors based solely upon his/her responses to these questions.

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Advocacy Center for Persons with Disabilities Inc.'s Board of Directors. The Advocacy Center's formal Bylaws cover the make-up, duties, powers, terms of office and other details concerning our Board. The following is a less formal summary of the information that is intended to answer frequently asked questions.

Questions about the Advocacy Center's Board of Directors:

- 1. How many people serve on the Board of Directors?**
A maximum of fifteen (15).

- 2. Who appoints members of the Board?**
Fourteen are appointed by the Advocacy Center's Board and one is the Chairperson of the Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Advisory Council.

- 3. How long are the terms of each appointment?**
Each term is four years. Terms are staggered. The Chair of the PAIMI Advisory Council serves a one year term on the Advocacy Center's Board.

- 4. What are the requirements of Board positions?**
In general, members of the Advocacy Center's Board of Directors reflect the diverse constituency served by the Advocacy Center. We are mandated by federal acts to serve individuals with developmental, mental and physical disabilities. Persons with disabilities, family members, and professionals are all represented on the Board. The Advocacy Center is also committed to appointing members representative of Florida's diverse ethnic and cultural communities and to making efforts to insure the Board reflects different geographic areas of the state.

- 5. How many Board meeting are held each year, and where are they held?**
There are four meetings held a year. Generally, two meetings are held in Tallahassee and two are held in different areas of the state.

- 6. How long are the meetings and what other time obligations are there?**
Regular Board meetings are held four times a year on Fridays. Committees of the Board usually meet by teleconference. Committees include: Executive, Finance, Legal Services, Client Grievance, Goals, Nominating, Personnel, Resource Development and Media/Communications.

7. What about travel expenses for Board members?

All travel, room, and board expenses connected with the Board meetings are paid by the Advocacy Center. The Advocacy Center also includes reasonable accommodations for Board members with disabilities. Members are not paid an honorarium for their services.

8. How do I apply for a position on the Board?

You may fill out an application and submit it at any time. In addition, the application may be obtained from our website: www.advocacycenter.org.

9. Where can I get more information?

Please feel free to contact the Advocacy Center (850) 488-9071 or (800) 342-0823.