



Get on Board: School Board Candidate Training Program 2022 Program Application

ABOUT GET ON BOARD: THE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE TRAINING PROGRAM

School boards play a major role in shaping our education system. Education leaders and community members have the opportunity to enter the political space to support a platform of crucial improvements to the education system. A lack of reflective leadership in politics can pose barriers to changes that communities want to see in their schools. Get on Board is offering an intensive leadership development program designed to support individuals—as they consider running for school board—who support a student-centered agenda and everyday advocates to build long-term community power. This program is offered through a collaboration of [Great MN Schools](#), [Northside Achievement Zone](#), [Voices for Racial Justice](#), and [Ayada Leads](#).

Get on Board will provide a suite of resources for local education advocates and community members. They will learn how to increase their political participation and impact, guided by facilitators providing tailored coaching and support. This one-of-a-kind experience will be offered at no cost to accepted participants.

WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

Get on Board seeks applicants dedicated to their community who believe all children deserve access to excellent public education and are eager to become more involved. Are you interested in running for local office? Have you thought about running a school board campaign? Have you worked on campaigns but want to learn how to be more effective? Do you want to be a candidate who runs on a strong student-centered agenda?

TO APPLY:

Complete this application form by the December 10th, 2021 deadline.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE & EXPECTATIONS

Participants commit to completing an intensive leadership program. They are expected to fully engage in the learning environment, attend all sessions, and complete all assignments.

Sessions: Five sessions will be held with local facilitators covering a wide range of lived and professional experiences. Our goal is to offer opportunities to connect safely in-person, but we will prioritize health and safety. We will make a decision based on participant preferences and state, federal, and local guidelines.

Coaching: One-on-one coaching offered throughout the program to maximize strengths and identify areas of development.

Homework: Additional coursework to be completed between sessions.

TIMELINE:

- Application period opens: November 16, 2021
- **Application period closes: December 10, 2021**
- Participants are notified by: January 3, 2021
- Session 1: January 17, 2021 (5pm-7pm)
- Session 2: January 22, 2022 (10am-4pm)
- Session 3: January 26, 2022 (5pm-7pm)
- Session 4: TBD February, 2022
- Session 5: TBD March, 2022

This program is inclusive to all. It may be a really good fit if you:

- Are willing to engage in an intensive leadership program (12-20 hours per month)
- Identify as a champion for public schools for all students
- Have a demonstrated commitment and deep connections to the local community
- Currently work in a community organization or advocate in education
- Desire leadership that better reflects and connects to the community
- (For candidates) Have a compelling vision and personal motivation to run for office
- People representing diverse backgrounds, professions, ethnicities, ages, and levels of experience are encouraged to apply.
- Anyone living in Minnesota looking to serve their local school community is welcome to apply.



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Please submit the application via email to info@greatmnschools.org. Applications are due by December 10, 2021.

Our organizations support getting representation to the table with a focus on equity in local communities. We aim to support reflective leadership and hope to eliminate some of the barriers to change. Cohort limit of 15 based on capacity and we aim to convene a diverse cohort based on demographics, geography, and experience. Declared candidates cannot participate.

Please provide the following contact information:

Full Name:

Pronouns: She/Her/Hers He/Him/His They/Them/Theirs

Phone:

Email address:

Mailing address:

Current Employer/Organization:

Current Title/Role:

Demographic information is voluntary and will be kept confidential:

Race/Ethnicity:

One a scale of 1-10 how likely are you to run for your local school board?

Which are you most interested in doing next?

Candidate



Please answer the following questions with 1-2 sentences (300 characters maximum):

5. How did you hear about this program?

6. Anything else you would like to share with us?

Participants of the Get on Board program must commit to the following:

- Attend all leadership development sessions
- Connect at least twice with your coach
- Complete all pre-session reading, surveys, and assessments on time

By submitting your application, you are making these commitments.

- Agree

- Do not agree

NOTE: Each of the sponsoring organizations are nonpartisan, meaning that they do not support or oppose any candidates for political office.