

STATEMENT OF INTEREST
COMMUNITY STRING PROJECT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Please answer the following questions. Fill in your name and contact information at the bottom and return it to the Community String Project, P.O. Box 513, Bristol RI 02809. When we have board openings we will consider all those who have expressed interest. Thank you for your interest and support.

► By filling out this form it is understood that you are interested in serving in the governance and growth of the Community String Project. Please let us know the reasons for your interest in the Community String Project.

► Have you ever played a stringed or other type of musical instrument? If so, what instrument?

► Do you have a child in the Community String Project (CSP) program?

► The Community String Project appreciates the skills and experiences of its board members and as such would have need of such expertise to include but not be limited to: publicity/outreach, fundraising, event planning, digital media, marketing, law, accounting, support at student lessons and concerts, etc. Please list which skills and experiences that you would bring to CSP and would be willing to contribute to the organization?

► What other non-profit organizations or town boards and commissions have you been active in during the last 3 years and what has been the nature of your involvement?

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

CSP BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

MISSION: *The Community String Project provides affordable and accessible orchestral string lessons, transforming lives through an innovative music program.*

Role of the Board

General Power

The board of Directors shall constitute the sole governing body for the Corporation. The Board shall have the power to control and manage all of the affairs and property of the organization, and to exercise, in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred upon it by these by-laws or by the articles of incorporation, but subject to all restrictions on such powers expressly provided therein, all powers that may be lawfully done by it. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board of Directors may restrict, enlarge or otherwise modify the powers and duties of any and all of the officers of Community String Project, Inc.

The duties of the Board of Directors shall include, but not be limited to: hiring and supervising the Executive Director; approving policy, including personnel, program and fiscal; fiscal oversight and fund-raising.

Qualifications and Responsibilities

Directors shall be members and demonstrate a commitment to the Community String Project, Inc. mission and shall be responsible to: attend board meetings; serve on committees; address policy issues; provide fiscal oversight; assist in fund-raising; make a financial or in kind contribution to the organization; and in general, shall perform all duties incident to serving as a director.

Recruitment and Orientation of Board Members

The board assures proper recruitment and orientation of board members, election of members and officers, and defines the parameters of the board's work.

Accountability

A key accountability is to assure fiscal health. The board cannot delegate its accountability to any other entity and ensures compliance with relevant laws and regulations affecting the organization.

In short, the board's job is the governance of the organization.

Role & Expectations of the Individual Board Member

1. Believe in and be an active advocate and ambassador for the mission, vision and values of the organization.
2. Identify and cultivate the predisposed.
3. Cultivate donors and prospects. Help solicit as appropriate.
4. Support board policies and decisions.
5. Maintain confidentiality of board, committee, and organization work.
6. Participate in professional development opportunities to strengthen corporate governance and advance the organization's effectiveness through learning.
7. Participate in appraisal of own performance and the performance of the board and its committees.
8. Give an annual financial contribution to the best of your personal ability. If the organization is conducting a capital campaign, give a gift to that campaign also.
9. Regularly attend board and committee meetings. Prepare for these meetings by reviewing materials and bringing the materials to meetings.
10. As appropriate, use personal and professional contacts and expertise to benefit the organization, without compromising ethics or trespassing on relationships.
11. Agree to step down from board position if unable to fulfill these expectations.

I accept these responsibilities: _____