

Board of Directors Application Form

Description

We believe that connecting our community to the natural world will help bring awareness to wildlife conservation and inspire others to build a better tomorrow. If you share this belief, please consider joining us as a board member.

Our Mission

To be an organization that 1) connects the communities and visitors of North Alabama with the world's wild places and wildlife; 2) is a standard of wildlife conservation research, action and education; 3) and inspires a better tomorrow all while creating a world-class zoo and aquarium.

Our Vision

Every guest after every visit asking themselves two questions: "When can we come again?" and "How am I going to be involved in improving our world today?"

About North Alabama Zoological Society

North Alabama Zoological Society (NALZS) is a nonprofit corporation that has been organized with the expressed objective of creating and operating a zoo in the Huntsville Metro Area. This zoo will be designed to enhance the social, educational, and conservation experiences of our community and make Huntsville shine even brighter.

The Ideal Board Candidate Has

- Ability to act in the best long-term interests of the organization and its community and will bring to the task of informed decision-making, a broad knowledge and an inclusive perspective.
- Visionary leadership abilities and dedication to improving services and outcomes for the conservation and engagement of the zoo.
- Desire to bring diverse perspectives, energy, knowledge and skills to the Board.
- Professional or homemaking experience in one or more of the following areas: finance, communications, research and policy, organizational development, human development, animal care, or a legal background with a focus on Non-profit advocacy.
- Ability to meet a time commitment of about 6 hours per month, including monthly Board or Committee meetings.

How Our Board Members Make an Impact

- Serve for the full three years term as a board member.
- Provide perspective and input to the Officers of NALZS.
- Guide the organization through participation on a Board Committee, focusing on conservation efforts, finance, community engagement, or human resources.
- Participate in fundraising through various strategies and engage members of the community in supporting the NALZS's work.
- Participate in the recruitment of new board members.

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Thank you for your interest in joining North Alabama Zoological Society! Use this form to provide useful information about yourself, to ensure the best match between you and North Alabama Zoological Society as we consider you for our Board of Directors. Please attach your resume and cover letter to this application before submitting. The following information will be shared with the current Board of Directors and Founders Board.

Your name: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your address: _____

Your email address (please write it carefully):

Briefly describe what you can bring to our Board of Directors:

Your current organizational affiliations (names of the organization and your role(s)):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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Which of your skills would you like to utilize on the Board? Check those that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board development | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial management | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business development | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program development | <input type="checkbox"/> Community networking | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education development | <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaking |

Other skill(s) of yours that you would like to utilize? _____

What would you like to get for yourself out of your participation on the Board, e.g., what types of experiences, skills to develop, interests to cultivate for you, etc.?

What is your experience with zoos and/or conservation (Either professional or personal)?

If you are not selected as a member of the Board, or if you decide not to join, would you like to be a volunteer to assist our organization in various ways that match your skills and interests?

- Yes No Perhaps

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If you join the Board, you agree that you can provide at least 6 hours a month in attendance to Board and Committee meetings, and that you do not have any conflict-of-interest in participating on the Board.

Your signature: _____ Date: _____