

Leadership Opportunity: Foster Care Alumni of America Board of Directors



Foster Care Alumni of America (FCAA) is a start-up national charitable organization working to harness the knowledge and strength of the estimated 12 million alumni of foster care in the United States in order to improve the lives of youth currently in foster care. FCAA believes the firsthand knowledge alumni have of the foster care system gives them an expertise that is a powerful tool for improving foster care policy and practice. FCAA provides alumni with a way to connect with each other, share their experiences, and enrich the lives of the nearly 550,000 children and youth in care. FCAA has an annual budget of approximately \$750,000 and is headquartered in Alexandria, VA.

Foster Care Alumni of America is currently accepting applications for a Treasurer to serve on its Board of Directors. This is a volunteer leadership position. Board terms are three years in duration.

The duties of the Treasurer are:

- Maintain knowledge of the organization and personal commitment to its goals and objectives
- Apply an understanding of financial accounting for nonprofit organizations
- Serve as financial officer of the organization and as chairperson of the finance committee.
- Manage, with the finance committee, the board's review of and action related to the board's financial responsibilities.
- Work with the executive director to ensure that appropriate financial systems and controls are in place.
- Work with the executive director to ensure that appropriate financial reports are made available to the board on a timely basis.
- Assist the executive director in preparing the annual budget and presenting the budget to the board for approval.
- Commission and review the annual audit and answers board members' questions about the audit.

Required Qualifications

1. Commitment to FCAA's mission and to FCAA's alumni constituency.
2. Professional accounting skills and experience
3. Systems and strategic thinking and a "big picture" perspective.
4. Ability and eagerness to deal with vision, values, and the long-term.
5. Ability to participate respectfully in deliberation.
6. Willingness to delegate appropriately to the executive director.
7. Commitment to creating an anti-racist, culturally competent, and diverse organization.
8. Willingness to build and grow a new organization and develop a strong governing board.

Preferred Qualifications

1. First-hand experience with the foster care system is a plus.
2. Community organizing or development experience.
3. Nonprofit governance experience.
4. Experience with strategic planning for an organization.
5. Entrepreneurial experience of rapidly growing a young organization (profit or nonprofit) to success and sustainability.
6. Knowledge of public policy; advocacy experience; policy development experience.
7. Located in the Washington D.C. area, preferred.

For more information or to apply, please contact FCAA's chairperson of the recruiting and nominating committee, Cynthia Scheiderer, at cscheiderer@casey.org or (206) 298-5142.