**Prospective Board Member Application**

*The HOPE Ranch Foundation (HRF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit established to promote and fund partnering with animals (including but not limited to: equine, dogs, cats) for clients of all ages who could benefit from animal assisted psychological services regardless of their ability to pay. The organization will fund programming provided by EAGALA certified practitioners. The organization will raise funds to pay for and/or supplement need-based funding for EAGALA model psychotherapy and learning services. The organization will support financially and through active participation in providing education, the education of the general public, of mental health, medical, and educational service providers regarding animal assisted interventions, psychotherapy, and learning.*

The purpose of this application is to enable the current HRF Non-Profit Board to make appropriate choices of Board Members for service to HRF and support of the SE Minnesota community of EAGALA model psychotherapy and learning service providers.

Applicants interested in serving as a board member should first read and understand the expectations and rules of Board Membership, read and understand the By-Laws, and submit a completed application to be submitted to the HRF Board of Directors for review and consideration for Board Membership.Applicants may also submit references or letters of recommendation for consideration if they so choose.

**All correspondence should be sent to:**

HOPE Ranch Foundation, [9145 80th Ave SE, Suite B, Chatfield MN 55923](https://www.google.com/maps/place/H.O.P.E.%2BRanch/9145%2B80th%2BAve%2BSE%2C%2BChatfield%2C%2BMN%2B55923/%4043.8893729%2C-92.3273066%2C15z/data%3D%214m5%213m4%211s0x87f9fa8cf86d057d%3A0x579acad7f5c3b070%218m2%213d43.8886899%214d-92.3197433)

**HOPE Ranch Foundation Board of Director Expectations:**

Support the Mission Statement of the H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation.

Actively engage and recruit people to participate in H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation as needed.

Work as a part of a cohesive team with common goals.

Share his/her skills and expertise.

Dedicate time to H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation & H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation Board meetings.

Respect and support the majority decisions of the Board.

Volunteer and assist in H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation Board’s activities, including fundraising efforts .

Participate actively in Board meetings, actions, fundraisers and public events.

Have no more than three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings and/or activities.

Represent all those whom this organization serves and not a particular geographic area or interest group.

Remain aware of the activities that are planned and make yourself available to participate.

Declare conflicts of interest as it pertains to your position on the Board and abstain from voting when appropriate.

Do your best to ensure that the H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation is financially secure, growing and always operating in the best interest of the programs and organizations it supports.

**HRF Board of Director Rules:**

There will be no criticism of fellow Board members or their opinions in or out of the Board meetings.

There will be no use of the organization for personal advantage or that of friends or relatives.

There will be no discussion of the confidential proceedings of the Board outside the Board room

H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation Board Members are expected and required to be ethical and honest in all aspects of their work on behalf of the H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation.

Any and all services provided pro-bono on behalf of the H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation by H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation Board Members will be carried out under the same professional and ethical guidelines as those expected and required of the professional organizations through which they are licensed and or certified to practice.

**HRF Board Member Application:**

**Date:**

**Information:**

1. Candidate Name: First Middle Last

 Mailing Address: City: State: Zip: Home Phone:

 Email:

2. Current Position: Current Employer: Work Phone:

3. Relevant Experience and/or Employment: Please attach resume.

4. Please circle area(s) of expertise/contribution you feel you can make to further the mission of HRF:

Nonprofit Experience Other

Fundraising Other

Child & Family Programs / Events Other

Youth Programs / Events

Adult Programs / Events

Mental Health Services

Educational Services

Experiential Learning Programs/Services

Animal Assisted Interventions

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Program Evaluation

Strategic Planning

Graphic Design / Technology

Finance /Accounting

Community Service

Policy Development

Social Media / Communications

Education / Instruction

Grant writing Fundraising

Public Relations

5. Please list boards and committees that you serve on, or have served on (business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious, and social).

6. What other volunteer commitments do you currently have?

7. What experience do you have working with youth? With Adults?

8. Why are you interested in serving as a Board member for HRF?

9. How do you feel HRF would benefit from your involvement on the Board?

10. Please list any groups, organizations or businesses that you could serve as a liaison on behalf of HRF:

11. Please share any other information you feel important for consideration of your application to serve as a H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation Board member:

**12. Please review and respond to the following questions**. Use a separate sheet as necessary.

a. Are you aware of any information about yourself, which might tend to reflect unfavorably on your reputation, morals, character or ability as a board member for HRF? Yes No

If yes and would like to explain, use a separate sheet of paper.

b. Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No

If yes and would like to explain, use a separate sheet of paper.

c. Have you ever been convicted of a controlled substance offense? Yes No

If yes and would like to explain, use a separate sheet of paper.

d. Have you ever been convicted of a sex-related crime? Yes No

If yes and would like to explain, use a separate sheet of paper.

13. **Supplement Questions:**

a. Are you willing and able to attend board meetings? Yes No

b. Are you willing to interact with Staff of Agencies providing services, Program Staff, and fellow board members with professionalism and respect? Yes No

c. Are you willing to uphold the responsibilities assigned to you? Yes No

**By signing below, I attest that** the information I have provided is true and correct. Additionally, my signature represents my agreement to the following statements: I understand and agree to the H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation Board of Directors Expectations; I agree to participate pursuant to the Policies, Procedures and Bylaws of the H.O.P.E. Ranch Foundation Board; and I understand that if conflicts prevent me from performing the rules and expectations as a Board Member, I may be removed from the Board by a majority vote.

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Thank you very much for applying.**

**For Board Use**

Nominee has had a personal meeting with an existing Board Member: Who:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee reviewed by the committee. Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee proposed to the Board. Yes No Reason: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Board action: Elected Rejected Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If Elected: Organization Role/Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_