

## The Hawbridge School Board of Directors Application

The Hawbridge School is a tuition-free public charter school located in a restored mill on the banks of the Haw River in Saxapahaw and providing education with an emphasis on place-based education and the environment. The School currently serves 4-12 grades and will be expanding with an additional facility enabling students from K-12 grades. The Hawbridge Board is responsible for the fiduciary health of the school, supervising the executive director, and maintaining the mission of the school.

Note: The Hawbridge School board member terms start in July of the year selected, and run for three years, ending in June of the third year.

**Name:**

**Date:**

[If Hawbridge Parent] I currently have children in the following grades:

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

In order to be nominated to serve on The Hawbridge School Board of Directors, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Cannot be a current employee of The Hawbridge School.
- Cannot be the spouse, domestic partner, or significant other of an employee of The Hawbridge School.
- A child may not have more than one parent on the Board at a time.

### **Statement:**

I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements above and commit to upholding the charter and mission of The Hawbridge School.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

Submissions may be in either electronic (Word or scanned PDF) or handwritten hard copy and must be received by May 1.

- Handwritten version – print, complete, and submit to the Board Selection Committee chairperson: The Hawbridge School, % Dianne Ford, PO Box 40, Saxapahaw, NC 27340
- Electronic version – download, complete, and email to the Board Selection Committee chairperson, Dianne Ford: [dford@hawbridgeschool.org](mailto:dford@hawbridgeschool.org)

Please note that if selected to serve on the Board, a brief biography will be posted on the Hawbridge website.

In addition to answering the questions below, please submit a résumé or cover letter (no longer than two pages) that highlights experience and skills that would contribute to the Board's goal of functioning as an effective governing body for the school. Names of up to three personal and/or professional references is recommended, but not required.

1. Describe your level of involvement with the Hawbridge School. (Discuss any volunteer experience with the school or other activities demonstrating your commitment and connection with the school.)
2. List other pertinent professional, volunteer, and/or governing board experience.
3. What strengths do you bring to the Board? What area(s) of expertise/contribution would you bring to the table?
4. The Board works closely together on important and sometimes difficult issues to help guide and lead the school. We expect all Board members to have a passion for education, a willingness to engage fully in conversations and to consider all viewpoints, a focus on the school as a whole rather than any individual or group within the school, a willingness to listen to community members about needs and interests, and an ability to work on a team to solve problems and address issues.

In addition the Board is looking for individuals with the following specific experience or skills:

**Finance**

**Community Organization**

**Fundraising**

**Connections with Planning Department in Alamance County**

**Educational Attorney**

**Board Experience**

**Human Resources**

**Education (General; Outdoor/Environment; Arts)**

**Local Knowledge/Connections**

**Business Management**

**Cultural Competency/Diversity**

**Marketing**

**Civil Engineering**

**Architecture**

If you are particularly skilled or experienced in any of these specific areas, please indicate how.

5. Explain what the Hawbridge mission means to you. How do you think you could help support it? Further it? <http://thehawbridgeschool.org/mission-vision/>
6. Why do you wish to serve on the Board? What do you hope to accomplish as a Board Member?
7. What role, if any, would you see yourself playing in the school expansion project?