



## Hawbridge Board of Directors Application – 2020

The Hawbridge School is a tuition-free public charter school located in a restored mill on the banks of the Haw River in Saxapahaw, NC. We provide education with an emphasis on place-based education and the environment. The School currently serves grades 4-12 and is building an additional facility, enabling an expansion to grades K-12. The Hawbridge Board is responsible for the financial health of the school, for supervision and support of the executive director, and for maintaining the mission of the school. Our 7-9 member Board is committed to representing the diversity within our school.

The Hawbridge 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 as a team to solve problems and address issues.

Service on the Hawbridge Board involves a serious time commitment. The Board meets monthly, typically from 6pm to 9pm either in-person or, under unusual circumstances, via video conference. We occasionally need additional in-person or by-phone meetings and sometimes serve on committees. A daily check of Hawbridge email is often needed as we respond to unanticipated issues. Board terms are for three years, from July 1 of the year selected through June 30 of year three.

**Application Requirements:** For your application, please answer the questions below. Please also submit a **cover letter** or **résumé** (no longer than two pages) that highlights your interest, experience and skills that would contribute to the work of our Board. Names of up to three personal and/or professional **references** are recommended, but not required. Submissions may be electronic (Word or PDF), handwritten, or by video,

and must be received by May 10. Handwritten version – print, complete, and mail to the Board Selection Committee chairperson: The Hawbridge School, c/o Dianne Ford, PO Box 40, Saxapahaw, NC 27340. Electronic version or video – download, complete, and email to the Board Selection Committee chairperson, Dianne Ford: [dford@hawbridgeschool.org](mailto:dford@hawbridgeschool.org)

**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 Hawbridge student may not have more than one parent on the Board at a time.

**Statement:** I certify that I meet the requirements above and commit to upholding the charter and mission of The Hawbridge School.

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

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

**Please answer the questions below.**

1. Describe your relationship with the Hawbridge School. (Discuss any volunteer experience with the school and other activities demonstrating your commitment and connection with the school.)
2. List other related professional, volunteer, and/or governing board experience.
3. What interests, strengths, talents and skills do you bring to the Board? What area(s) of expertise/contribution would you bring to the table?
4. In 2020, the Hawbridge Board is especially seeking new members with skills in these areas. If you have skills and experience in these areas, please describe them.

- Legal expertise
- Construction
- Fundraising and grant writing
- Stakeholders from diverse communities
- Communications and marketing
- Finance
- Board experience/organizational leadership

5. Explain what the Hawbridge mission means to you.

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6. Why would you like to serve on the Board?