

Hawbridge Board of Directors Application – 2021

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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 for Fall of 2021. 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, a willingness to listen to community members about needs and interests and share with the Board, a commitment to equity and diversity, and an ability to work as a team to solve problems and address issues. (To learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the Board, please refer to the [Hawbridge School bylaws](#).)

Service on the Hawbridge Board involves a serious time commitment. The Board meets monthly, typically from 6pm to 9pm either in-person or via video conference. We occasionally need additional in-person or by-phone meetings and all members serve on committees that meet separately. 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, handwritten, or by video, and must be received by April 30. Applicants may either:

1. Mail a handwritten version to The Hawbridge School, c/o Matt Buckmaster, P.O. Box 40, Saxapahaw, NC 27340, or
2. Submit via email an electronic version or video to the Board Selection Committee chairperson, Matt Buckmaster, mbuckmaster@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.

<http://thehawbridgeschool.org/mission-vision/>

Signature:

Date:

Name:

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

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

[If hopeful Hawbridge parent] I hope or expect to have children in the following grades:

K 1 2 3 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 2021, the Hawbridge Board is especially seeking new members from diverse communities and people with skills and experience in these specific areas. Please describe what applies to you.

- Antiracism and diversity training
- Board experience/organizational leadership
- Communications and marketing
- Community building
- Construction
- Environmental planning and stewardship
- Finance
- Fundraising and grant writing
- Legal expertise

5. Explain what the Hawbridge School means to you.

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