



Board Member Application

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of Directors of Chicago Lights. Our board plays a vital role in advancing our mission to foster hope and opportunity in our community through supportive services and youth development.

Please complete this application so that we may better understand your background, skills, and interests. Email your completed application and resume to: sjackson@chicagolights.org by February 25, 2026. A member of the nominating committee may reach out to you for more information. The board will elect new members at its May meeting. New member orientation will take place in June, and the first Board meeting will be in July.

Contact Information

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Employer & Position _____

Are you a member of Fourth Presbyterian Church?

Yes

No

Not a member, but I attend regularly

Optional Questions

Gender Identity _____ Race/Ethnicity _____

Age _____ LinkedIn or Website _____

Background & Experience

What is your experience or connection to Chicago Lights?

Please provide a brief summary of your professional background:

What skills, expertise, or networks do you bring that could benefit Chicago Lights?
(Examples: finance, fundraising, legal, marketing, education, community connection, etc.)

Have you previously served on a nonprofit board?

Yes (please describe)

No

Commitment & Expectations

Chicago Lights Board Members are expected to:

- Attend at least 4 of 6 board meetings each year.
 - Board meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Typically there is a brief meeting in December to approve the next year's budget.
- Serve actively on at least one Board committee.
- Make Chicago Lights a top philanthropic priority with a personally meaningful annual gift.
- Support fundraising efforts through attendance and sponsorship, as able, and invitations to your network.
- Act as an ambassador for the mission and programs of Chicago Lights.

Are you able to commit to these expectations?

Yes

No (please explain):

Chicago Lights depends on its board to help open doors and expand relationships. How might you help connect Chicago Lights to new donors, partners, or opportunities?

Mission Alignment

Why are you interested in serving on the Chicago Lights Board of Directors?

Which of our programs most resonate with you and why?

(Tutoring, Summer Day, Urban Farm, Social Service Center)

Reference

Please provide the name and contact information of one person who can speak to your qualifications or commitment to service.

Reference Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Relationship to you _____ Email _____

Signature

I affirm that the information provided is true and that I am interested in being considered for a position on the Board of Directors of Chicago Lights.

Signature: _____ Date: _____