

YWCA PRINCETON IS ON A MISSION!

IN OUR MISSION TO EMPOWER WOMEN, WE OFFER AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE YOUNG WOMEN TO BECOME THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

NEXT GEN BOARD

The YWCA Princeton is on a Mission and has a responsibility to develop and empower the next generation of women leaders in our community. That's why our NEXT GEN Board engages young women in board leadership activities that directly tie in with their interests and talents working collaboratively with members of the YWCA Princeton Board of Directors who will help them continue to grow well into the future. The most unique aspect of the NEXT GEN Board is that participants will have the opportunity to be mentored by influential community leaders in business, education, finance, healthcare, technology and media, while serving on a self-governing board.

The YWCA Princeton NEXT GEN Board is designed to:

- 1) Recruit, train and empower a diverse group of women to become the next generation of women leaders and champions of the YWCA Princeton Mission among their peers;
- 2) Link their enhanced skills to the needs of the community; and
- 3) Create a supportive environment for relationship building among participants, established community leaders and trusted community partners.

Through the NEXT GEN Board, participants are engaged in career enhancement, goal setting and personal, professional and board leadership development. The NEXT GEN Board is designed to provide the resources and learning opportunities young women need to grow into leaders.

Ideal Candidate

The ideal applicant is a woman between the ages of 21 and 34 who is at the beginning of her career and leadership journey. She is eager to develop, both personally and professionally, and wants to learn ways to connect, in meaningful ways, with her peers and seasoned community leaders to effect positive social change in the greater Mercer County area.

She may have attended or graduated from college or other post-secondary education, but it is not required to serve on the NEXT GEN Board. She may have prior experience being involved in her community, her school or volunteer organizations, but it is likewise not required to serve on the NEXT GEN Board.

Program Curriculum and Time Commitment

Between 15 and 20 women will serve on the NEXT GEN Board. However, opportunities exist every six months to join, as members cycle through their terms on a staggered schedule in order to provide continuity. Women with different backgrounds and experiences are desired to create rich cross-cultural experiences for each other.

With a small group of up to 20 participants, the women will gain significant experience in board governance, including fiduciary responsibility, financial oversight, strategic planning, community outreach and fundraising.

Through our 18-month learning program, the women on the NEXT GEN Board will participate in discussions with each other, workshop presenters and community leaders around myriad personal and professional development topics.

Each presentation will focus on an aspect of board governance to help participants become more strategic, insightful and confident leaders.

Generally, monthly meetings will be held one weekday evening a month. Meeting locations may vary throughout the greater Mercer County area. Participants will be encouraged to organize additional informal sessions or gatherings around topics or projects of their choosing.

Nomination Criteria

The YWCA Princeton seeks candidates who are committed to advancing our mission within the greater Mercer County community and among their peers. An ideal candidate;

- Embodies the YWCA Mission of eliminating racism and empowering women.
- Demonstrates leadership, talent and/or passion.
- Has made contributions academically, professionally or through community service.

Eligibility

- Women between the ages of 21 to 34 years old.
- If selected, candidates must agree to serve 18-months on the NEXT GEN Board.
- Only complete applications will be considered.

Nomination Procedure

- The YWCA Princeton must receive nomination applications by close of business on the deadline announced. The nomination packet must be completed in full for consideration.
- Selections will be made within 45 days following the deadline. Nominators will be notified if their candidate has been selected at this time. The YWCA Princeton's selection decisions are final.
- Selected candidates for the NEXT GEN Board will be asked to become Members of the YWCA Princeton, and to contribute or to raise the YWCA Princeton \$55 Membership Fee, through our Give or Get model.
- Sponsors may wish to submit the YWCA Princeton \$55 Membership Fee on behalf of their selected candidates.

**YWCA PRINCETON NOMINATION APPLICATION
2016 NEXT GEN BOARD**

Narrative

Please answer the following two questions, including examples, on a separate sheet of paper. This submission should be less than 500 words, typed and double-spaced.

1. How do the nominee's achievements reflect the YWCA's Mission of eliminating racism and empowering women?
2. What are the nominee's greatest personal and professional achievements?

Category

Select the category/s that best fit/s the nominee:

- Education / STEM
 - Student Leadership
 - Professional (Business, Education, Finance, Health, Legal, Technology, Media)
 - Fine Arts
 - Community, Non-Profit and Volunteerism
 - Other (please specify)
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Attachments

- Nominee's Resume or CV (required)
- Nominator's Letter of Support

Nominee Contact Information

Name

Home Address

City

State

Zip

Title

Employer

Business Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Office Phone

Email

Mobile Phone

Nominator Contact Information*

Name

Home Address City State Zip

Title Employer

Business Address City State Zip

Home Phone Office Phone

Email Mobile Phone

**Please indicate the best method to reach the nominator with a check mark.*

Nominations must be emailed or mailed to:

NEXT GEN Nominating Committee
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