

RIZE BEYOND BOARD MEMBER

MISSION:

Rize Beyond is committed to empowering, encouraging, and teaching adults the strategies to overcome barriers and succeed, starting with getting their GED.

DESCRIPTION:

Rize Beyond helps adults get their GED and provide them with the support they need to be successful. Their goal is to be successful and achieve self-sufficiency. Most participants lack support and have barriers to overcome. In our work, Rize Beyond's focus is education, support, mindset, and empowerment. We empower adults to recognize their weaknesses and setbacks and do what they can to turn them into their strengths and capabilities. We emphasize that their past is not their future and that they can achieve the goals they set.

We subsidize the cost of the GED test fee for low-income students, provide mentoring and tutoring services, provide college-ready and job preparedness courses, and offer scholarships towards college and internship expenses.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Board of Directors supports the work of Rize Beyond and provides mission-based leadership and strategic governance. While day-to-day operations are led by Rize Beyond's Chief Executive Officer, the Board's and CEO's relationship is a partnership and the appropriate involvement of the Board is both critical and expected.

The Board will:

- Establish policies for administering the program and services that are in harmony with the purpose of the organization.
- Employ, assist, evaluate and support the CEO.
- Secure funds required for current expenses by organizing and assisting in fundraising and funding efforts.
- Ensure that the financial affairs of the organization are conducted on a responsible basis and in compliance with established policies.

SPECIFIC DUTIES:

- Attend Board meetings
- Become well informed on all agenda items before scheduled meetings.
- Contribute knowledge, express points of view based on experience, and take initiative.
- Consider other points of view, make constructive suggestions and help the Board make group decisions reflecting the thinking of the group.
- Regular attendance at selected committee meetings, as well as board training and seminars.

- Board Members will consider Rize Beyond a philanthropic priority and make annual gifts that reflect that priority (give/get).
- Assume leadership in organization funding efforts, when possible.
- Assume board leadership responsibilities as requested and when possible (such as committee chairperson, elected officer, etc.).
- Represent the organization at community events, organizations, and with private individuals.
- Be informed about the organization's programs, policies, and services, as well as the needs of the community, society, and constituents.

TERM OF OFFICE:

This position is for a term of two (2) or three (3) years, and renewable at the end of each term. Rize Beyond Board Members must continue to meet attendance, monetary, and participation requirements. The time commitment for individual Board duties is estimated at 2-10 hours a month, depending on the time of year and if the Board Member is part of the executive committee. Board meetings are held quarterly. Service on Rize Beyond Board is without compensation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Serving on the Board of Directors is an extraordinary opportunity for individuals passionate about Rize Beyond’s mission. Selected Board Members will have leadership qualities and experience in education, business, government, psychology, medical, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector.

Ideal candidates will have the following qualifications:

Experience in education, business, government, psychology, medical, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector. A commitment to and understanding of Rize Beyond’s beneficiaries, preferably based on education and/or experience. A natural attraction for cultivating relationships, convening, facilitating, and building consensus among diverse adults. Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving the lives of Rize Beyond’s beneficiaries.

SKILLS:

- Business Development & Fundraising
- Marketing
- Grant Writing & Research Knowledge
- Community Engagement
- Resource Development/Management
- Nonprofit Law