



## GSHS Board of Directors Prospective Board Member Application

The Prospective Board Member Application is in the form of a questionnaire and used to gather information about you and your interests for the GSHS Board of Directors to make appropriate decisions and recommendations for service to The Grand Strand Humane Society, Inc.'s Board of Directors ("Board"). The Application is part of the review and vetting process and not a guarantee for serving on the Board. Each Application is considered in its entirety to include previous experience, passion for the well-being of animals and availability to effectively and consistently contribute to the organization's success.

Candidates should possess an understanding of, and interest in, animal welfare and should appreciate the need to demonstrate a positive, professional public image that is in keeping with the philosophies and goals of GSHS. The Board provides strategic direction and assistance to the organization and possess a combination of work and personal experience that provides them with the necessary knowledge and understanding of the financial, administrative, and ethical and policy issues that may be put to the Board to successfully achieve its mission, goals and objectives.

Because member voting requirements include a minimum age of 18, the Board applies the same requirement to serve in any capacity on or with the Board and committees formed. Board candidates must be a member in good-standing of GSHS who are interested in animal welfare, governance, stewardship and strategic planning. Formal education is not a requirement for Board positions, although professional expertise is required for the Board to ensure an appropriate mix of perspectives with solid strategic contributions to ensure success.

Board members must be willing and have the confidence to challenge proposed policies, activities, initiatives, organizational structure and financial spending and management of the organization. However, the ability to challenge must be balanced with recognition of the need to work in a cooperative manner and demonstrate a style that values collaboration and unity to sustain and enhance community perception of the organization and its Board. All Board members are encouraged to make a personal financial commitment to GSHS and are required to seek out opportunities for financial support in the community through their personal and professional contacts.

Serving on the Board is without remuneration and requires a solid commitment of time. Requirements include attendance at Board meetings, GSHS events and fund-raising activities to fulfill its purpose. It is a shared vision and commitment to GSHS and the animals in the Shelter's care with transparency to the community, supporters and donors.

**Directions:** Please complete the questionnaire in its entirety to be considered for Board service. You are asked to also attach a resume and any additional supporting documents you feel would be important for the Board to reference. The attached questionnaire and attachments can be sent to: [gshsboard@grandstrandhumanesociety.com](mailto:gshsboard@grandstrandhumanesociety.com).

Name			
Home Address		City	Zip Code
County of Residence	Cell Number (     )	Home number (     )	Email
Member of GSHS Since:			
Volunteer of GSHS Since:			

## Overview of Interest

What is your interest in GSHS? What is your interest in serving on the Board?

Please write a brief statement of your understanding of GSHS mission.

What has been your experience working with animals or animal welfare activities?

What has been your prior experience with non-profit membership organizations?

On what other Boards have you served or are serving? Please include length of service and the nature of your involvement.

What other volunteer commitments do you currently have?

What charitable or community activities have you been part of? Please include length of service and the nature of your involvement.

What is your fundraising experience?

If nominated to the membership and voted to serve on the Board, what can the Board do to ensure your participation is meaningful, fulfilling and rewarding?

### Tell Us About Your Work Experience

Current employer, title, highlights of the requirements in your position and how long have you been with this company?

Your previous employer, title, highlights of the requirements in your position and how long have you been with this company?

Is there anything else about your employment history that you feel would be relative to serving on this Board or that you feel is important for the Board to know that is not in this questionnaire?

### Tell Us About Your Education

What is your education and/or skills sets you possess to support your desire to serve on the GSHS Board?

Through your education (collegiate, seminars, programs, projects, etc.) or life skills, what has prepared you to contribute to the Board and GSHS?

Is there anything else about your education you feel would be relative to serving on the Board or that you feel is important for the Board to know that is not in this questionnaire?

### Professional References\*

Name	Relationship	Cell Number

*\*While we appreciate you completing this questionnaire in its entirety, should your nomination be considered and/or presented to the membership for voting, we will then contact your Professional References as a part of the Board's vetting process.*

**Note:** Please attach your resume along with any additional supporting documents you feel would be important in the Board vetting process.

**Acknowledgement:**

I hereby certify all information provided herein and through supporting documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further acknowledge that I understand the time commitment to serve on the Board not only during regular Board meetings and the required attendance at the annual meeting, but in the capacity as a volunteer of GSHS and during fundraising activities and special events.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(Form Approved by GSHS Board of Directors, September 2018)

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**For Board Use Only**

\_\_\_ Application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

\_\_\_ Acknowledgement of receipt of Application has been provided to Candidate on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Board action: \_\_\_ Accepted as Nominee for the position of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Rejected as Nominee because \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes:

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*If no Board position available, Vice President retains applications.*