



# West Hawai'i Explorations Academy

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## **WHEA Governing School Board Member Application**

The West Hawaii Explorations Academy Public Charter School Governing Board is in the process of recruiting talented and energetic candidates from our school and community to service as Board Members. It has been brought to our attention that you may be interested in becoming a member of our board.

We are looking for candidates who have areas of expertise and interest that could make a positive contribution to our board and, therefore, our school. Thank you for your interest.

WHEA was founded in 1994 and became a Public Charter School in 2000. It is fully accredited and has been recognized as an effective educational leader in the community.

***Vision:*** *Students become productive and responsible practitioners of collaboration and stewardship, evolving into lifelong critical thinkers who are confident in their ability to solve complex, real world problems.*

***Mission:*** *To facilitate authentic learning through integrative, hands-on, self-selected projects related to real world challenges.*

This is an exciting time at WHEA as we continue our growth and improve our campus while maintaining a positive impact on the students and families we serve.

To be considered for a board position, interested applicants are asked to:

- Agree to the commitment expected of the board members which includes attending monthly board meetings, serving on committees, attending board training, attending school functions as board representatives and related activities that come up.
- Complete and return the Board Member Application below.

Once your application is received, a member of the board will contact you to arrange an interview to discuss board membership further and if appropriate, provide a tour of the campus. Additionally, we would encourage you to attend a governing board meeting so that you can see the board in operation, meet the current board members and have any questions answered.

If becoming a board member would be mutually beneficial to you and the school, you will be included in the election process.

We look forward to getting to know you and hope you decide to use your talents and energy to help us fulfill the mission and vision of WHEA.



## WHEA Governing School Board Member Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the appropriate Board Member Category you are interested in:

Community Rep.      Parent Rep.      Staff Rep.      Higher Ed. Rep.      Student Rep.

Please identify your areas of expertise or interests that may be helpful to WHEA.

\_\_\_\_ education                  \_\_\_\_ fundraising                  \_\_\_\_ political action  
\_\_\_\_ business                  \_\_\_\_ grant writing                  \_\_\_\_ event planning  
\_\_\_\_ law                  \_\_\_\_ public relations                  \_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

What relevant community, employment or volunteer experiences do you have that would be an asset to our board?

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Have you served on a board before? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you currently sit on any board(s)? If so, for which organization(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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*Feel free to include a resume with your previous/volunteer experience when submitting this application. Thank you in advance for your interest.*