

BOARD OBSERVER PROGRAM

Application Information

The Board Observer Program (BOP) is a partnership between the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, the Delivery of Legal Services Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association (DLSC), and the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association (YLD). The BOP gives young lawyers practicing in the Greater Philadelphia Region the opportunity to learn more about regional legal services organizations and other nonprofits, and to gain leadership skills that will enable them to serve effectively on the Boards of such organizations as well as to succeed in their future careers.

An applicant for BOP must be:

- A member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association; and
- Licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and be in good standing.

If you are not yet a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association, you must join by the time your application is submitted. If you are a member of the Philadelphia Bar Association who has not reached their 40th birthday or are within the first three years of admission, you are automatically a member of the YLD. Information on membership may be found at www.philabar.org.

Applicants with a demonstrated interest in community service and/or pro bono work are preferred, but prior experience in these areas is not required for participation. Applicants who are not selected for the program are encouraged to reapply next year.

To apply, complete the application form and provide a current résumé. Your résumé should highlight any community service and/or pro bono experience and should indicate previous or current Board service.

Please send application material via email to: Colleen Byrne, Development & Communications Coordinator, Philadelphia Bar Foundation at cbyrne@philabarfoundation.org with the subject line: **BOP Application 2021 [Applicant's Name]**. You may also send any questions to that address, or you may reach Colleen by phone at 215-238-6322.

Applications for the 2021 Program must be submitted by October 9, 2020 at 3 P.M.

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APPLICATION

Name and preferred pronouns:

Work Phone:

Mobile Phone:

E-mail:

(Most communications are done by e-mail, so please provide an e-mail address that you check frequently.)

Current Employer & Length of Employment:

Law School & Year of Graduation:

Are you a member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association? YES NO

Please list other Philadelphia Bar Association sections or committees you are a member of, if any:

Admissions:

(Include jurisdictions and admission dates)

How Did You Hear of the Board Observer Program?

Statement of Interest in the Board Observer Program:

Please attach a one-page statement of interest. Your statement should discuss both the reasons for your interest in the BOP as well as what you hope to achieve through participation in the program. Travel restrictions

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References:

Please provide two references and their contact information.

Areas of Interest:

Please indicate whether you would prefer to be placed with the Board of a legal services organization or with the Board of a non-legal services nonprofit:

Please indicate the top three areas in which you are most interested, and rank from 1 (least) to 3 (most). Note that there is no guarantee that you will be matched with a Board that addresses these issues, but preferences will be taken into account as much as possible.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts/Creative Economy | <input type="checkbox"/> General Legal Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civics and Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community-Based Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Homeless Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Rights Issues/Impact Litigation | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice/Court Reform | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Justice Issues & Child Advocacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ Rights & Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Dog Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Right |

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Skills:

Please indicate whether you have previous experience or an interest with any of the following areas:

	Experience	Interest		Experience	Interest
Financial Management/Accounting			Program Development		
Media/Public Relations/Marketing			Event Planning		
Public Speaking			Fundraising		
Employment/HR Issues			Volunteer Recruitment		
Grant Writing			Other:		

Certification:

By signing below you certify that if you accept your placement with a Board, you will:

1. Make every effort to attend BOP events, including CLEs, lunch-and-learn programs, and mid-year check-ins.
2. Attend all Board meetings to which your organization invites you unless you have a significant scheduling conflict.
3. Notify your Board mentor and the BOP Committee immediately should any situation arise that would affect your ability to participate meaningfully in the BOP (such as a move, job change, or recurring scheduling conflicts).
4. Make your employer aware of your participation in the program.
5. Notify the BOP Committee of any change in your contact information.

Name / Signature

Date

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Thank you for your interest in the Board Observer Program!

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