

Volunteer Opportunity: Associate Board Member for The People's Music School of Chicago

The People's Music School

The People's Music School is the largest completely tuition-free music school serving Chicago metropolitan area children, focusing on removing barriers to access for students who otherwise would not have access to the benefits of intensive music instruction.

Join a community of purpose driven young professionals committed to advocating for accessibility in music education and its transformative effect on young people's lives.

Associate Board Mission

The People's Music School associate board is dedicated to supporting the mission, vision, and values of The People's Music School. The purpose of the associate board is:

1. to raise funds to support TPMS' services;
2. increase awareness of TPMS in its members' social and business networks and communities
3. create an environment for young professionals too deepen their understanding of issues in their community; and
4. gain experience in nonprofit governance and fundraising

As a member of the Associate Board, you will have a responsibility to represent TPMS as a volunteer in a positive light.

- Members should have a personal connection to TPMS' mission and be eager to fundraise in their social and professional circles for TPMS' cause
- Members will have regular informal and formal opportunities to develop professional and build connection with board and staff members

Preferred Qualifications

1. Minimum of 2 years business experience (or relevant professional/postgraduate experience).
2. Demonstrated commitment to philanthropy through volunteering and/or fundraising

Membership Expectations

- Attend 75% of AB meetings annually (all quarterly meetings and 2 of 4 interim meetings)
- Participate in 2 volunteer opportunities annually (e.g., senior send-off set up, winter recital greeting)
- Attend one major annual event (i.e., Big Night, Performapaloozathon)
- Attend at least two recitals or performances annually
- Serve in a leadership or committee capacity for at least one AB sponsored fundraising event annually

- Members should uphold the values of TPMS (excellence, creativity, community, opportunity, and hard work) and at all times maintain a high level of respect, dignity, and acceptance for each other and the broader TPMS community
- Continue cultivation and solicitation of donors and supporters of People's (i.e., share news and giving opportunities on LinkedIn, consider People's for entertainment at work events or social gatherings, recruit new members for the Associate Board)

Governance Expectations

1. Know the mission, vision, strategic plan, and goals of the Associate Board.
2. Understand the strengths and needs of TPMS.
3. Act in the best interest of TPMS by excusing oneself from discussion where there is a conflict of interest and confirm respect for TPMS by maintaining confidentiality and not communicating information of a sensitive nature.
4. Uphold the values of TPMS (Excellence, creativity, community, opportunity, hard work) and at all times maintain a high level of respect, dignity, and acceptance to each other and the broader TPMS community.

Fundraising Expectations

1. Willingness to utilize personal and professional networks to support the Associate Board's fundraising goals.
2. Commit to an annual "give/get" of \$1,000 per Associate Board member, per year. The annual \$1,000 goal can be achieved through a variety of means, and the Leadership Team approaches this target constructively and with flexibility.
3. There are many paths to \$1,000 beyond writing a check. Examples include:
 - a. Obtain event sponsorship by employer
 - b. Solicit auction item donations for big night
 - c. Secure donations of food and beverages for events from local businesses
 - d. Personalized solicitation of your network (e.g., Facebook birthday fundraiser)

To apply, [fill out the application](#). To learn more about The People's Music School, check out our [website](#).