



**AMERICAN ADOPTION CONGRESS**  
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***Application for Board Member Position***  
Approved by the AAC Board 04/06/2017

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Board of the American Adoption Congress. As a Board member, you will be asked to represent the organization in many capacities and your willingness to represent the organization should be carefully considered prior to applying. If you are in a profession which could represent a conflict of interest for your work as a Board member are you willing to maintain a separation between your volunteer and professional life for the betterment of the American Adoption Congress?

A requirement for serving on this board is that you have been a member of the AAC for at least 12 months prior to applying. If you have not been a member of the AAC for the previous 12 months, please consider an alternative area of volunteering until you reach the year bench mark. It is important that our board members be familiar with the current Mission and Goals of the organization which can best be accomplished by being involved and active for at least a year prior to applying.

Applicants for board positions should:

- Be an AAC member in good standing and have participated actively in the AAC for a minimum of one year prior to applying
- Maintain a commitment to the AAC Mission and Goals
- Be able commit to volunteering up to a minimum of 15 hours per week
- Be able maintain confidentiality
- Will make every effort to attend the Annual AAC International Conference
- Attend monthly Board teleconferences
- Be willing to serve in a position as appointed by the President
- Undergo a criminal background check
- Be willing to work collaboratively with other board members
- Read thoroughly and sign all documents pertaining to Board policies, procedures and ethics

It is recommended that a candidate for a board position have attended at least one AAC International Conference.

Your AAC Board of Directors



<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address/City/State/Zip or Postal Code:</b>
<b>Preferred Phone:</b>
<b>Cell Phone:</b>
<b>Email:</b>
<b>Which position(s) on the board are you applying for?</b> <b>Primary:</b> <b>Secondary:</b>

What leadership roles you have held within the past 5 years:

Are you willing to take a leadership role in planning and implementing projects for the AAC?

Yes       No

What is your role / Position within the adoption / foster constellation (i.e. adoptee, fostered person, etc.)?  
Please list all that apply:

Do you work within adoption mental health professionally? What is your role including any licensures (i.e. LMSW, LMFT, IOP administrator, etc.)? List all that apply:

Do you work within the adoption search field (i.e. Search Angel, Confidential Intermediary, Private investigator, etc.)? List all that apply including any licensures:

Current occupation or if retired, former occupation:



Do you work within the adoption world in another capacity (i.e. Support Group Leader, blogger on adoption issues, etc.)? List all that apply:

Other pertinent items we should know about you:

Have you volunteered with the AAC in the past?  Yes  No

If so, in what capacity? (i.e. committee member, volunteer greeter at conferences, former state rep, board member, etc.) List all that apply:

What area of adoption, or adoption reform, interests you most?

Other adoption-related affiliations:

(Examples: CUB, BN, Origins, local organizations, search organizations, etc.)

Organization	Position Held	Year

Are you a current member of the AAC in good standing?  Yes  No

Have you been a member of the AAC for the past twelve months?  Yes  No

If No, how long have you been a member of the AAC?

I can volunteer on average at least 15 hours of my time a week.  Yes  No

Are you able to participate in monthly board meetings via teleconference (normally held on Wednesday nights)?

Yes  No



Have you attended any AAC conferences, either national or regional? If so, please check the conferences that you have attended (below):

<b>NATIONAL CONFERENCES</b>						
2000	Nashville, TN		2007	Boston, MA	2013	Cleveland, OH
2001	Anaheim, CA		2008	Portland, OR	2014	San Francisco, CA
2002	Philadelphia, PA		2009	Cleveland, OH	2015	Cambridge, MA
2003	Atlanta, GA		2010	Sacramento, CA	2016	Denver, CO
2004	Kansas City, MO		2011	Orlando, FL	2017	Atlanta, GA
2005	Las Vegas, NV		2012	Denver, CO		

Regional Conferences: (List the city and, if known, the year attended):

What areas of expertise do you bring to the AAC? Please list all areas where you would like to volunteer and the skills you have developed in these areas (i.e. membership, computer programming, desktop publishing, social media, book reviews, you get the idea!):

**To Submit this application, you will need:**

- This form completed and signed
- A current resume or vitae
- Two personal/professional references which best describe why you are the best candidate for this position.



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I, \_\_\_\_\_ state that my application is submitted in good faith. I understand that completion of this form does not guarantee me a position within the AAC. If elected to the AAC Board of Directors, I will abide by all terms and conditions of the AAC Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy and will provide all disclosures necessary on an annual basis.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit all documents along with this application to the Nominations chair at [AACElections2016@gmail.com](mailto:AACElections2016@gmail.com)



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*The AAC title can only be used in conjunction with activities, policies and legislation that has been formally endorsed by the AAC. All members in a position of authority are strongly encouraged to seek AAC support for state legislation.*

Short Narrative:

- What skills, experiences, or personal qualities you have that will enable you to make an affective contribution to the AAC;
- Why do you want to become more involved with the AAC;
- In what areas of the AAC do you wish to participate?