

# Appointed.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Signing Up

#### 1. What am I signing up for? What is the commitment?

Once you sign up, your level of involvement is up to you! We will tell you about board opportunities that match your interests. To deepen your knowledge and increase your network, we will also invite you to trainings and events. But attendance isn't mandatory to receive our support and resources.

The time commitment for individual civic boards vary. We encourage you to apply to one that fits your schedule and your life!

### Training

#### 2. How intensive is the training?

We offer our half-day basic training once a year, plus occasional trainings, info sessions and networking events on topics not covered in the basic training.

#### 3. Is this a leadership development program?

We want to provide leadership support for anyone who participates! However, *Appointed* is not a formal leadership development program.

#### 4. Is the training mandatory?

No! All events and trainings are optional. Once you complete our basic registration form, you're ready to be *Appointed*.

### Appointment Process

#### 5. I already signed up for *Appointed*. Do I still need to fill out a board application?

Yes. Each government has a different application process for its boards and commissions.

#### 6. I'm filling out a board application and have a question. Can you help me?

Yes. We are here to help if you have a question, want feedback on your application or need support. Just reach out!

## **7. Can I turn down a position?**

Before you complete a formal board application, we will provide as much information as possible about the individual board positions. We encourage you to only apply to those that fit your interests and schedule. But if it's still not right for you, that's okay!

## **8. Once I'm on a board, will I be supported?**

Absolutely. Once you've been appointed, we provide opportunities for coaching and networking with your fellow appointees. We want to build a community of *Appointed* women.

## **9. How long does it take to get appointed?**

There is no set appointment timeline. Board vacancies are rolling and occur throughout the year. We will do our best to advertise positions and encourage you to seek your own opportunities. However, there is no guarantee of an appointment. Each government body maintains complete discretion over who is selected. Our goal is to increase the pool of available candidates.

## **10. I'd love to serve on a board, but have too much on my plate. It's only for people with more support and resources than me.**

Our civic leadership should reflect the people they serve. We believe this will create better solutions to our communities' challenges. Please talk to us if transportation to board meetings or child care is a barrier for you. We can help. Your voice should be at the table.

## **11. This sounds like politics. Are you political?**

The Women's Fund is a non-partisan organization, and so is *Appointed*. You may have political opinions, but we will never ask for them.

## **12. I know *Appointed* is non-partisan, but my elected representatives are not. Do I have to like politics to be on a board?**

Many elected officials belong to a political party, and our civic boards operate within a political landscape. However, these boards have defined roles within the government, and are not directly affiliated with political parties.

## Privacy

### 13. Where does my information go? Will you share it with anyone?

We only maintain the information you provided to us (in our secure database), and will never distribute it to anyone without your permission.

### 14. Can I remove myself from the list?

Yes. If you no longer want to be in our database or receive emails from *Appointed*, please let us know and we will remove you from our list.

## General

### 15. How else can I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved!

If you have **civic board experience**, consider mentoring a new appointee.

If you know others who might be interested, **invite us** to speak to your group or organization about *Appointed*.

If you're an **elected official** making appointments, contact us about identifying interested candidates for your board positions.

If you can provide **training** or **financial support**, please let us know.

### 16. Believe it or not, I *still* have a question? Who can I contact to learn more?

Please contact Holly Hankinson, [holly.hankinson@gcfdn.org](mailto:holly.hankinson@gcfdn.org).

## Our Legal Jargon

The goal of *Appointed* is to increase the pool of candidates for civic boards. The Women's Fund does not make appointments. Participating in *Appointed* does not guarantee that you will be recommended for a specific board position, or that you will be appointed to a board. A separate candidate application will be required before being considered for any board position, according to the parameters set by the appointing government body.