

OWEN BOARD FELLOWS PARTNER ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Owen Board Fellows is a program of 100% Owen, the community service and philanthropy-focused club at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management. We aim for students to engage meaningfully with the community and strengthen leadership skills by pairing full time MBA students to serve on the boards of local nonprofits in Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

Owen Board Fellows will serve as non-voting board members for their designated non-profit organization for a calendar year, spanning their first and second years in the MBA program. Fellows will also have the opportunity to apply classroom learnings by supporting their paired nonprofit with a strategic project.

The program was established in 2019 with the purpose of cultivating civic leadership in graduate students of business. We aim to equip MBA students for non-profit board leadership in their careers and support partner non-profit organizations in Middle Tennessee to advance mission-driven work.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM OWEN STUDENTS:

Student leadership and staff from Vanderbilt's Turner Family Center for Social Ventures will help select and screen selected Fellows, looking for high levels of engagement and motivation to engage in the following:

- **MBA Skillset:** Fellows will apply the analytical business skills learned in the classroom into the community by helping nonprofit organizations with strategic leadership initiatives.
- **Board Training:** Fellows will complete a day long training on nonprofit board governance in January 2023, facilitated by a third party. Additionally, Owen will be hosting quarterly learning sessions on specific topics, which will be required for Fellows and open to partner organizations.
- **Engagement:** Your Fellow is expected to attend all board meetings, including potentially serving on a board committee. Fellows are also asked to support and attend your organization's special events, similar to other board members (approximately 5-10 hours per month, overall).
- **Strategic Project:** Fellows will work with you to identify and work on a specific and strategic project at your organization during the term.

WHAT WE ASK FROM YOU:

1. Hold an initial 1:1 introductory meeting to get to know the Fellow's background and skillset and to explain more about the organization and board role
2. Invite your Fellow to join your organization's regular board meetings and other events, also targeting a sub-committee, dependent upon fit
3. Identify areas where you could use specific project help from your Fellow, leveraging the MBA skillset (i.e. marketing, finance, strategy, organizational performance, project management, etc.)
4. Have additional half-hour sessions for feedback, ideally at the mid-way point and end of term
5. Attend a mid-year update summer meeting with Owen Board Fellows program leadership.

TIMING

Fellows and nonprofits will be paired in December 2022, and fellowships will span from January 2023 - January 2024 (understanding that students may not be in Nashville at times for remote school or summer internships). When new Fellows begin in January, they will be supported by existing Fellows through the end of March to assist with the transition.

While the commitment is for one year, ultimately, the program encourages Fellows to continue their involvement with nonprofits in the communities in which they will live as Owen alumni.

Owen Board Fellows – Nonprofit Partner Organizations 2022

1. AbleVoices
2. Book'em
3. Community Resource Center
4. End Slavery Tennessee
5. Fifty Forward
6. The F.I.N.D. Design
7. Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee
8. Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee
9. Harpeth Conservancy
10. Heimerdinger Foundation
11. HopeKids Middle Tennessee
12. Interfaith Dental
13. Junior Achievement of Middle Tennessee
14. Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - TN & AL
15. Make-A-Wish of Middle Tennessee
16. Martha O'Bryan Center
17. Nashville Ballet
18. Nashville Symphony
19. Nurture the Next
20. Operation Stand Down Tennessee
21. PENCIL
22. Retrieving Independence
23. Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee
24. Sexual Assault Center
25. Special Olympics Tennessee
26. Springboard Landings
27. Urban Green Lab
28. Vanderbilt Credit Union
29. WiTT
30. YWCA of Middle Tennessee