

Member, Board of Directors (FoodShare Toronto)

Join the Board!

FoodShare Toronto is currently seeking Black and Indigenous candidates to join our Board of Directors.

About FoodShare

FoodShare is a food justice organization, advocating for the right to food, and working to challenge the systemic barriers that keep people from accessing the food they need to thrive. We support community-led food initiatives and work alongside communities most affected by poverty and food insecurity: Black and Indigenous people, people of colour, people with disabilities, and folks living on a low income. Whether it is supporting urban farms, subsidizing local produce markets or coordinating community kitchens, all of our work is about folks accessing food on their own terms.

Representation Matters

Black and Indigenous people are over-represented in food insecurity and poverty statistics, but are significantly under-represented in leadership within community-based food organizations.

We believe that to authentically do our work alongside Black and Indigenous communities we must ensure Black and Indigenous representation at all levels of our organization. In 2021, 21% of our staff identified as Black or Indigenous and we want to achieve similar representation on our Board of Directors. Thus we are prioritizing space for board members from Black and Indigenous communities.

Board Membership Commitments

TERM: Terms are renewed annually, we are ideally looking for a minimum two-year commitment for new members.

HOURS: Members commit to an average of 4-6 hours per month, including attendance at board meetings and providing guidance and support through committee work and other duties.

MEETING TIMES: Meetings typically take place on Monday evenings starting at 6:00pm Eastern time.

REMUNERATION: This is an unpaid, volunteer position.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU: With this position you can have a meaningful impact on communities across Toronto, further your professional development by learning about a diversity of departments within a Canadian Charity, build a legacy alongside others who have made their mark on our organization, collaborate around shared values, and personal continuous learning with a diverse group of individuals who deeply care about the mission to expand food access across the City of Toronto.

Relevant Experience

We are looking for candidates who have **a demonstrated, ongoing commitment to dismantling systems of oppression, whether in the food system or beyond.**

We are looking for folks who can bring experience in one or more of the following areas:

- Lived experience of poverty, food insecurity
- Work in low-wage or precarious jobs in the food system
- Executive Leadership/ Governance
- Finance/ Accounting
- Human Resources
- Social Justice/ Advocacy
- Risk Management/ Quality Improvement

If you don't resonate with the list above but know you have expertise to offer, are interested in FoodShare's work and share our vision of a Toronto where everyone can feed themselves, their loved ones and their community with dignity and joy **we want to hear from you.**

If you're hesitant to apply, or have questions about the process, we would be happy to connect you with a racialised member of our management team to discuss the opportunity further with you. Contact boardchair@foodshare.net

Application Process

To apply, please share:

1. LETTER OF INTEREST One-page letter that tells us:

- ❖ Why you are interested in joining FoodShare's board and how you feel you could contribute to our work.
- ❖ Optional: Who you are and what connects you to the issues that FoodShare is working on, your current connection to FoodShare (if any), Relevant skills and experience.

2. BRIEF BIO 50-100 word bio about yourself

A resume is not required or expected.

Please send your letter and bio to boardchair@foodshare.net.

Deadline for applications: Applications to join the Board of Directors are reviewed on a rolling, ongoing basis. There is no deadline to apply.

Accommodation Requests: If you require accommodation when navigating the application process, please contact: hr@foodshare.net

To learn more about FoodShare you can visit our website at www.foodshare.net, take a look at our Strategic Plan 2022-2024, Food Justice Statement, Body Liberation and Fat Acceptance Statement and other resources.