



Development Committee Member Position

Position Overview

- **Open Positions:** 3 volunteers
- **Application Deadline:** July 31st, 2025
- **Position Type:** Volunteer, unpaid
- **Time Commitment:** 6 annual meetings plus 2-8 hours per month of project work
- **Purpose:** To secure financial resources to maintain and develop Mount Pisgah Arboretum

Are You Our Next Development Committee Member?

Do you have a passion for fundraising or experience in development work? Are you committed to ensuring that Mount Pisgah Arboretum remains a vital community resource for future generations? Can you dedicate 2-8 hours per month to making a meaningful impact? If so, apply to be on our Development Committee!

About Mount Pisgah Arboretum

At Mount Pisgah Arboretum, we believe that the more people are inspired to learn about and engage with the natural world, the more we will all honor and preserve it for future generations. Established in 1973, our mission is to *engage people with nature through interactive learning and stewardship*.

Our 209-acre sanctuary features diverse natural habitats and seven miles of family-friendly trails that are open free to the public. These trails showcase dynamic and interactive exhibits that inspire visitors of all ages. Through our comprehensive nature education programs, we serve thousands of children and adults annually. Our events venue hosts dozens of private celebrations as well as our two signature annual festivals.

The Arboretum's dedicated staff works as a close-knit team to advance our shared mission, supported by more than 1,800 members and 500 volunteers who believe in our vision.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

Mount Pisgah Arboretum serves our entire community, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion is fundamental to achieving our vision. We actively seek diverse perspectives throughout our organization and do not discriminate based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, national origin, mental or physical disability, or any other legally protected status. If you believe you have the skills and passion we're seeking, we encourage you to apply.

Key Responsibilities

Development Committee members will contribute to our fundraising efforts through various specialized roles:

In-Kind Donation Coordination

- Lead efforts to secure donated goods and services from local businesses and community partners
- Build and maintain relationships with potential in-kind donors

Business Development

- Develop and maintain corporate sponsorship relationships
- Cultivate business partnerships and secure financial donations from commercial entities

Donor Research and Development

- Conduct prospect research to identify potential major donors
- Create comprehensive donor profiles and strategic approaches
- Maintain accurate records of donor interactions and preferences

Grant Research

- Conduct research on available grants for specific funding targets as identified by Development Manager and Executive Director

Database Management

- Perform special project tasks within donor database

Community Ambassadorship

- Represent Mount Pisgah Arboretum and promote membership via civic organizations and community events
- Promote membership growth through personal and professional networks
- Serve as a passionate advocate for the Arboretum's mission

Strategic Planning

- Bring creative ideas and strategic thinking to committee discussions
- Participate actively in developing and implementing fundraising strategies
- Take ownership of assigned projects and see them through to completion

Event Management

- Take a lead role in planning day-of coordination of various aspects of annual Summer Celebration, including food and beverage, in-kind donation solicitation, and table hosting

What We're Looking For

We seek volunteers who are ready to roll up their sleeves and make things happen. Ideal candidates will bring enthusiasm, creativity, and a willingness to take on meaningful responsibilities. Whether you have professional fundraising experience or just an interest in it, and you have a passion for supporting our mission, we want to hear from you.

Ready to Make a Difference?

Join our Development Committee and help ensure that Mount Pisgah Arboretum continues to inspire environmental stewardship and provide exceptional nature education for generations to come.

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To apply or learn more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Leisha Wood at development@mountpisgaharboretum.org.