



Friends of Sausal Creek

Student Board Member

Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) is a volunteer-based, nonprofit, community organization dedicated to promoting awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of Oakland's Sausal Creek Watershed, which drains to the San Francisco Bay. The mission of FOSC is to restore, maintain, and protect the Sausal Creek Watershed. We educate future generations, involve the community in local environmental stewardship, and collaborate with agencies and other nonprofits to have a positive, equitable impact on the local ecosystem.

Eligibility:

This student board member opportunity is for a high school junior or senior or college student that shares our organization's passion and commitment to this mission. ***Interested students should submit a letter of interest to info@sausalcreek.org by September 29, 2023.***

FOSC's board of directors is responsible for creating policies and procedures, guiding the organization's direction, ensuring that FOSC activities are in line with its mission and vision, advising and consulting with staff, and ensuring the organization's financial viability.

General Requirements of the Student Board of Director:

- Learn about and be able to articulate the mission, purpose, goals, and programs of the Friends of Sausal Creek.
- Attend six bimonthly board meetings (second Wednesday evening of even months.)
- Attend major volunteer workday events (Earth Day, Creek to Bay Day, Native Plant Sale, etc.) and participate in other FOSC volunteer events when possible.
- Devote at least five hours per month to FOSC activities outside of board meetings. (Volunteer workdays, meeting preparation, etc.)
- Participate in at least one fundraising event or activity per year, such as brainstorming on appeal campaigns, grant research and writing, talking to donors, tabling at community events, serving on Endowment Committee, etc.
- Respond in a timely manner to questions and queries from staff and board of directors.
- Actively participate in assessing FOSC's performance and setting its strategic goals and objectives.
- Represent FOSC to the greater Bay Area community.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Maintain confidentiality when appropriate.

This experience is designed to provide the Student Board Member:

- A voice in organization decisions.
- Mentorship and shadowing opportunities from the current board of directors.
- The opportunity to make a positive impact in the community.
- Experience working with a nonprofit organization to cultivate new skills and leadership potential.
- Connection-building opportunities to expand the student's professional network.

What else is included:

- Directors and officers liability coverage.
- Notice and minutes of all board meetings and relevant information to conduct role as a board member.
- Reimbursement for reasonable expenses in conducting and attending to FOSC business.