

YOUR PATHWAY TO ARTS BOARD LEADERSHIP

APPLY BY JUNE 30
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

ArtsWave's Boardway Bound is an acclaimed board leadership program for area professionals who are passionate about making a difference. Boardway Bound is the only leadership program facilitated by arts professionals preparing and matching participants for arts board service.

Since 2004, ArtsWave has trained and placed over 500 individuals on arts boards, ushering a new generation of leadership, adding capacity to our institutions and **creating boards that represent the diverse communities each organization serves.**



"Boardway Bound was a beautiful way to connect deeper with the arts, other area professionals, and grow in the community. I'm extremely grateful for the experience and would highly recommend it!"

— Jovoni Trollinger,
Fifth Third Bank

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

Participants can expect:

- An understanding of how to be an effective board leader
- Overviews of non-profit management, finances, marketing, fundraising and more
- Introductions to arts leaders who will share their experiences in the business of the arts
- A network of classmates, session speakers and the Boardway Bound Alumni Network
- Perspectives on local arts and cultural organizations and the unique issues confronting them
- A graduation reception with classmates, Boardway Bound alumni and arts partners
- **Our signature "speed dating" that matches participants with our local arts organizations**

→ **Unique to
Boardway Bound!**



"Boardway Bound pulled back the curtain on what it looks like in the boardroom and helped me land a position!"

— Jared Lischke,
Kroger

PROGRAM AND CONTENT



Boardway Bound provides interactive content and conversations with leaders from the Cincinnati region's arts community. Each session explores real-life issues confronting arts boards and provides time for networking with fellow participants and the local arts community, sponsored by Thompson Hine.

The 2024 content includes six in-person sessions at ArtsWave, culminating in our signature Speed Dating. Participatory sessions will be facilitated by professionals both in arts organizations and experienced board members, supplemented by relevant articles, videos and sample board materials with the final gathering being a graduation celebration. Additionally, participants will be invited to our special BLINK opening night social on October 17.

A defining feature of Boardway Bound is our "speed dating" interview process. In the final session, candidates come face-to-face with arts clients for mutual interviews. ArtsWave then matches the top choices of participants with the top choices of arts clients to begin a relationship that they define together.



"The program not only taught me the fundamentals of being an effective board member, but it lifted the curtain on ways to handle potential tough situations. I was introduced to numerous new-to-me organizations and expanded my network of others who support Cincinnati Arts."

— Morgan Mazone, Procter &
Gamble Company

2024 SESSIONS:

- October 17: BLINK Opening Night Social
- October 24: Welcome and Nonprofit Governance
- October 31: The Cincinnati Arts Scene and Diversity in the Board Room
- November 7: Understanding Nonprofit Finance and Marketing
- November 14: My Board Service: Getting Started
- November 21: Fundraising and Putting It All Together
- December 5: Speed Dating
- December 12: Graduation

Sessions are 3:30-6 p.m. with Nightly Networking, drinks and light snacks from 3:30-4 p.m. Participants are expected to attend all sessions.

All sessions feature
Thompson Hine Nightly
Networking time.

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WHO SHOULD APPLY?

All backgrounds and career stages are welcome. All you need is a desire to make an impact on the arts!

Participants may have limited board experience but seek professional development in governance and best practices. Some participants have served on boards in other fields and desire more in-depth knowledge of the issues unique to nonprofit arts. Others are new to the region and are looking to make lasting connections.

ArtsWave encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply. Together, we can ensure that the programs and practices of the region's arts and cultural organizations are reflective of our entire community.

The training was an engaging experience that taught me the feasibility of joining a board as a young professional who's still building wealth. The sessions offered insight on how to serve with intention and integrity. I also met some really cool people throughout the experience!

— Nkemjika Iheukwu, National
Underground Railroad Freedom Center



APPLY NOW!

How to apply

Apply online at artswave.org/boardwaybound.

Tuition

\$950; usually underwritten by employer, payable by September 1. A limited number of scholarships are available on an as-needed and as-available basis. Email boardwaybound@artswave.org to inquire.

Program Timeline

- May 1: Virtual Information Session 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- June 30: Applications due
- July 31: Participants notified
- October 17 to December 12: Boardway Bound Sessions

QUESTIONS?

Contact boardwaybound@artswave.org

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