

YOUR PATHWAY TO ARTS BOARD LEADERSHIP



APPLY BY JUNE 30
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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

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



"Boardway Bound taught me how to turn my love for the arts into service."

— Marissa Staples, The Katalyst Group



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 program grads through 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

Individual placement and matching with a local arts board through our "speed dating" finale



Unique to Boardway Bound!



"Boardway Bound... matched me perfectly with a Cincinnati gem, the American Sign Museum. I could not be more pleased with the experience."

— Dennis Devlin, Clarity Research and Strategy

PROGRAM AND CONTENT



Boardway Bound provides discussions 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 2023 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.

A defining feature of Boardway Bound is our "speed dating" interview process. In the final class, 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.



Boardway Bound provided me with a variety of networking opportunities to meet with Arts Organizations... I would highly recommend it to those who want to make a difference."

— Cecelia Tio, Lumen Digital, LLC

2023 SESSIONS:

- October 19: Welcome and Introduction to Board Leadership
- October 26: Nonprofit Governance and Diversity in the Board Room
- November 2: Understanding Nonprofit Finance and Marketing
- November 9: Storytelling for Fundraising
- November 16: My Board Service—Getting Started
- November 30: Speed Dating
- December 7: 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.

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.



"Boardway Bound gave me the opportunity to connect with local leaders and provided a springboard to network with organizations in the arts community."

— Raj Bawa, FEG Investment Advisors



APPLY NOW!

How to apply
Apply online at artswave.org/boardwaybound.

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

Program Timeline
May 9: Info session (noon-1 p.m., online)
June 30: Applications due
July 31: Participants notified.
October 19 to December 7: Boardway Bound program

QUESTIONS?

Contact boardwaybound@artswave.org