

Your pathway to arts board leadership

Apply by June 30
artswave.org/boardwaybound
 Virtual information session May 15



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 developed and 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.**



"Participating in Artwave's Broadway Bound Program has truly opened my eyes to the incredible arts organizations right here in our community. It's inspiring to witness the impactful work happening all around us — work that deserves to be celebrated and supported."

— Maya Middlebrook, Turner Construction Company

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
- Perspectives on local arts and cultural organizations and the unique issues confronting them
- A network of classmates, session speakers and the Boardway Bound Alumni Network
- A graduation reception celebrating class success with Boardway Bound alumni and arts partners
- **Individual placement and matching with a local arts board through our signature "speed dating" finale**



"The entire experience was not only enjoyable but most importantly effective, efficient, and informative! It sets everyone up for success!"

— Kimberly King, Kroger

Unique to Boardway Bound!

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 Thomson Hine LLP.

Boardway Bound includes seven in-person sessions at ArtsWave, culminating in our signature "Speed Dating" event. Participatory sessions will be facilitated by arts professionals and experienced board members, supplemented by relevant articles, videos and sample board materials. The final gathering will be a graduation celebration to celebrate our new board leaders.

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.



"Broadway Bound was an incredible experience that connected me with passionate individuals and organizations that view the arts as a powerful force for Cincinnati's growth. If you're looking to deepen your knowledge of board service or actively considering joining an arts organization's board, this program is for you."

— David Paredes, Standard Textile

2025 sessions:

- October 23:** Welcome to Boardway Bound and the Arts Scene
- October 30:** Nonprofit Governance and Purpose-Driven Board Leadership
- November 6:** Understanding Nonprofit Finance and Marketing
- November 13:** My Board Service: Getting Started
- November 20:** Fundraising and Putting it All Together
- November 27:** Thanksgiving off
- December 4:** Speed Dating
- December 11:** Graduation

Sessions are 3:30-6:30 pm: 3:30-4:00 is Nightly Networking, serving drinks and light snacks. 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!

Whether participants want to learn more about nonprofit governance and the Cincinnati Arts Sector or just make new connections, Boardway Bound is a great way to get started. The program is practically designed to culminate in our speed dating session, introducing participants to arts and cultural organizations recruiting new board members. Although all expertise is welcome, there has been particular interest for strength in finance, human resources and the law.

ArtsWave encourages candidates from all 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.

"I feel equipped with invaluable resources and a strong community of support, giving me the confidence to step into my role as a new board member — curious, engaged and ready to make a meaningful impact from day one."

— Brian Yangyuen, Al. Neyer



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 15:** Virtual Information Session | Noon to 1 p.m.
- June 30:** Applications due
- July 31:** Participants notified
- October 23 to December 11:** Boardway Bound classes

QUESTIONS?

Contact boardwaybound@artswave.org

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