



Next Up is Seeking Board Members

Next Up Action Fund (a 501c4) and Next Up (a 501c3) are seeking 5+ individuals to join one or both of our boards in 2021 and beyond! This might be the opportunity for you if you are interested in building community, collaborating with other young advocates, helping with fundraising, delivering and shaping the organization's larger strategic vision, and more - all of which we will provide training for. We're looking for people who are reliable, team players, and dedicated to transforming youth engagement throughout Oregon.

Our Next Up Boards of Directors provides oversight and support to our work. They are fierce community advocates who are deeply committed to building strong youth-led movements in Oregon. We're all under 35, with a majority under 25, and are a majority Black, Indigenous, and people of color. [Meet our current board members here.](#)

Who We Are

Founded in 2001, Next Up amplifies the voice and leadership of diverse young people to achieve a more just and equitable Oregon. We envision an Oregon where young people boldly lead the state forward, our democracy is inclusive and accessible, and our communities are strong and resilient. Learn more at nextuporegon.org.

We provide a range of programs for youth ages 14-35 that focus on training young people to be effective community organizers, registering and turning out youth to vote, and advocating for policies that expand access to our political system and advance social justice.

Logistics and Application Instructions

Deadline: Applications are due by October 8th. [Please complete your application here.](#)

Benefits: We provide a professional development training fund for our board, and food at all in-person meetings, and gift cards when working remotely for our monthly full board meeting.

Location: Currently, we only meet remotely. Post-pandemic, our office is located in SE Portland. People can participate remotely, by phone, or in person. We are open (and excited) to have board members from anywhere in the state of Oregon.

Time: Please hold **November 1st, 2021 from 6 - 8 pm** on your calendar in case you are elected to the board, as this would be your first board meeting. We have our board meetings on the first Monday of each month from 6 - 8 pm and committees meet at a time when everyone can join.

Because we are committed to making sure that our board reflects the diverse young people that we work with, we highly encourage young people 35 and under, high school aged students, Black, Indigenous, and people of color, LGBTQIA+ people, disabled people, and low-income people to apply. We look forward to your application.

Board Expectations

Responsibilities of the Board

The board's purpose is to guide the organization's development, strategic direction, and mission. The board works to oversee and direct Next Up's affairs in accordance with its mission, operating procedures, and standards of fiscal responsibility. Responsibilities include:

- [Affirm the mission, core beliefs, and values of Next Up](#)
- Protect the organization's assets and provide financial oversight
- Routinely monitor an annual budget
- Promote Next Up within local, state, national, and international communities
- Recruit and develop new board members; build a competent, diverse, and inclusive board
- Hire, develop/support and evaluate the Executive Director
- Participate in grassroots fundraising efforts at various points throughout the year

Expected Contributions of Board Members

Weekly (~1-3 hours, depending on the season)

- Follow through on all tasks committed to at meetings
- Respond to communication from board members, staff, volunteers, and donors

Monthly (5-10 hours)

- Review agenda and board documents provided prior to board meetings
- Stay informed regarding activities and business operations of Next Up
- Participate in any selected workgroups or committees

Bi-annually/Annually

- Attend scheduled training, onboardings, and planning sessions
- Attend major Next Up events including annual end-of-year event, National Voter Registration Day (NVRD), candidate forums, and others as they arise
- Participate in at least one field activity per election cycle (and bring a friend!)
- Participate in our annual monthly donor competition

As needed

- Participate in any decision-making process that arises between board meetings
- Attend training, coalition meetings, speaking engagements, conferences, networking opportunities, and other social justice movement events

Board Terms and Participation

We ask for an initial commitment of two years, with terms starting when you are elected to the board. At the one-year mark, we check in to ask aboard to see how members feel about future commitments. We are open to one-year terms for students. We also expect that Board Members attend and engage in at least 9 of 12 board meetings, plus assigned events.

Thank you to the Northwest Abortion Access Fund, National Network of Abortion Funds, Texas Equal Access Fund, and Baltimore Abortion Fund for application packet inspiration.