



Are you a nonprofit looking to expand your pool of potential board members? Are you an individual interested in giving back to your community by serving on a board? Then FOCUS BoardBridge is for you! An initiative of FOCUS St. Louis, BoardBridge helps connect nonprofit organizations with board candidates through a matching process.

## BOARDBRIDGE FOR CANDIDATES

BoardBridge is for professionals from all sectors and industries who:

- Are looking to contribute their time, treasure and talents to causes they are passionate about
- Have the time and interest to commit to serving on a nonprofit board or committee

Before being matched, candidates must participate in a virtual orientation session, which provides an overview of the board matching process, along with best practices and tips for serving on a board.

## BOARDBRIDGE FOR NONPROFITS

BoardBridge is for nonprofit organizations who:

- Desire to expand their circle of potential board candidates
- Are looking to welcome new board members now or within the next six months

Before being matched, each nonprofit must have a staff or board member participate in a virtual orientation session, which provides an overview of the board matching process, along with best practices and tips for selecting and onboarding new members.

*“This is a fantastic program. Nowhere in the region can a nonprofit connect with such a broad perspective of knowledgeable and civic-minded citizens interested in serving this community.” - Mike Park, CharacterPlus*

Based on their experience, 92% of past participants would recommend the program.

## Take the Next Step

BoardBridge matching occurs each spring and fall, and space is limited. There is no cost to nonprofits or candidates to participate in the matching process. Visit [www.focus-stl.org/BoardBridge](http://www.focus-stl.org/BoardBridge) to learn more and apply. If we are between cycles, you can also sign up on the website to be notified about the next round of matching.

**About FOCUS St. Louis:** Recognized as a national model for civic leadership development, FOCUS provides leaders with the civic awareness and powerful connections needed to be collaborative changemakers who advance a thriving region for all. Our continuum of civic leadership program are designed to meet participants where they are. As a neutral convener and facilitator, FOCUS brings together community members to deliberate on critical regional issues in a trusted, nonpartisan space.

Special thanks to our volunteer planning committee:

- Anna Crosslin, Retired President & CEO, International Institute of St. Louis
- Betsy Cohen, Philanthropic Futurist, FutureGood
- Nhi Doan, Board Member, Asian American Chamber of Commerce-St. Louis
- Angela Batnasan, Board Member, Asian American Chamber of Commerce-St. Louis
- Robin Feder, Executive Director Emeritus, Central Institute for the Deaf
- Martha Garcia Kampen, Executive Director, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Metro St. Louis
- Linda Ogbah Faas, President, St. Louis African Chamber of Commerce
- Arinola Solanke, Board Chair, St. Louis African Chamber of Commerce
- Ben Molina, Chair, Hispanic Leaders Group of St. Louis
- Yvonne Buhlinger, Executive Vice President, Affinia Healthcare Foundation

[focus-stl.org/BoardBridge](http://focus-stl.org/BoardBridge)

[focus-stl.org](http://focus-stl.org)

| [@focusstl](https://twitter.com/focusstl)

| (314) 622-1250

| [info@focus-stl.org](mailto:info@focus-stl.org)