



Kansas Educational Foundation

Connect Support Engage

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Educational Foundation, Inc. BOARD OF TRUSTEE Things to Consider...

Board of Trustees Functions:

- Formulate and approve long range goals and objectives
- Formulate and adopt policies
- Select, employ, access, and dismiss (if necessary) a chief executive officer
- Develop financial resources for achieving goals
- Adopt and monitor an operating budget, financial development plan, and insurance program
- Monitor the achievement of goals
- Adhere to legal responsibilities
- Protect the assets of the organization
- Form links with other organizations
- Maintain affiliation and participation with Kansas FCCLA and Kansas FCCLA Alumni & Associates

Board of Trustees Responsibilities:

- Attend all board meetings, committee meetings, training, etc.
- Understand the organization – its mission, purposes, programs – and believe in it
- Participate fully and openly in meetings – sharing insights, ideas, and suggestions
- Make decisions on issues, policies, goals and objectives based on careful consideration of facts and all relevant data
- Serve on committees and accept special assignments as requested
- Solicit funds, participate in campaigns, and open doors for others to raise funds
- Keep informed and know what is going on in the organization, never hesitating to ask questions or request additional information
- Give fully and enthusiastically of time, energy, and expertise, as appropriate

Board of Trustee member Characteristics:

- Integrity... the ability to know and press for “what is right”
- Enthusiasm for Kansas FCCLA
- Concern for the betterment of youth
- Interest in families, careers, and committees
- Willingness to commit time, energy, and resources to work for the Board
- Orientation to the future... always looking ahead
- Special skills, knowledge, and expertise that are needed
- Ability to represent the organization and interpret the organization’s needs and views
- Courage to state one’s views on important issues
- Ability to assess information and make important decisions
- Willingness to accept and support decisions democratically made

#1 Reason Why Board Fail:

Boards fail because the wrong criteria were used when selecting people to serve. Board members should not be selected simply because they are nice, friendly people. Neither should they be selected purely based on personal friendships. On the contrary, Board members should be selected because they have the attributes, abilities, and skills that the organization needs to move forward.

Board of Trustee Considerations:

Leadership potential	Past experience/service	Good reputation
Sphere of influence	Special expertise/perspective	Demonstrated interest
Effective problem solver	Decision maker	Strategic planner