



The Community Advisory Committee  
is accepting applications for

**Missouri Foundation for Health  
Board Nominees**

Enclosed are necessary materials to read and submit for consideration.

## **GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION TO THE MISSOURI FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In selecting Directors for the Missouri Foundation for Health (MFH) Board of Directors, special consideration is given to ensuring that the candidates collectively possess experience in all of the qualification areas mentioned below. Also, it is required that the MFH Board represent the MFH service region's gender, racial, cultural, geographic, and ethnic diversity.

### **Terms**

The terms of five Board members expire each year. MFH Directors serve without pay for terms of three years. Directors can be re-nominated for a second three-year term.

### **Meetings**

Board meetings are the third Thursday every other month and December, usually at the MFH offices in St. Louis, and regular attendance is expected. All Directors serve on one or more Board committees, many of which meet regularly, in person, or by telephone conference call.

### **Number of Candidates**

Each year, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) must submit by November 1 no less than 15 and no more than 25 candidates to fill expiring terms. The Board elects the five members from those nominated at its December meeting. The new Directors take office at the January Board meeting.

### **Timeline**

The CAC begins the search process to identify and nominate candidates in June. Applicants are asked to complete a comprehensive application and send in a resume by August 22, 2008. The CAC reviews applicants' responses and selects candidates for personal interviews before presenting a list of nominees to the Board.

## **DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Each Director must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the MFH service region.
2. Each Director must have expertise, education, or experience in one or more of the following areas: provision of health care, asset management and investment strategy, philanthropic administration or public health care.
3. Each Director must have demonstrated an ability to contribute perspective in one or more of the following areas: health care access for the poor and uninsured, affordable care for the poor and uninsured, health promotion in underserved communities, health care quality and outcome improvement, health care needs of women, children, the elderly, low income, ethnic and cultural minorities, health education or general issues of public health.
4. Each Director must have demonstrated core leadership attributes.
5. Each Director must have a recognized reputation for integrity and competence.
6. Each Director must have demonstrated an ability to understand and appreciate the role and responsibility of a public health care philanthropic foundation and the need to balance various constituency requirements.
7. Each Director must have demonstrated a personal interest in and concern for the public health and welfare and a commitment to accomplishing MFH's overall mission, purposes and goals.
8. Each Director must have demonstrated an ability to devote the time necessary to fulfill Board responsibilities and regularly attend meetings.
9. No Director shall be an officer, agent, employee, or independent contractor of any governmental authority whatsoever, whether federal, state, or local, excepting those of state institutions of higher education.

Persons who meet all the above criteria and would like to be considered for the MFH Board of Directors should complete the 2009 Board Member Application and attach a resumé.

IMPORTANT: All materials must be postmarked on or before Friday, August 22, 2008

Please fill out and **return with resume** to:

MISSOURI FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH  
Community Advisory Committee  
1000 St. Louis Union Station, Suite 400  
St. Louis, MO 63103  
314.345.5500

***2009 Board Member Application***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied in the past? If yes, list years. \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about MFH Board vacancies? Newspaper Ad \_\_\_ Word of Mouth \_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please briefly answer the following questions in the space provided if possible.**

- Indicate what expertise, education, or experience you have in one or more of the following areas: provision of health or mental health care, asset management and investment strategy; philanthropic administration; or public health care. How would this expertise benefit you in assisting the Board of Directors with meeting the unmet needs of the community?

- What kind of grants are you most likely to support? What kind are you least likely to support? Explain your reasoning.

- What personal interest and concern do you have for public health and welfare and to the commitment to accomplishing MFH's overall mission, purposes and goals?
  
- MFH directors are expected to regularly attend MFH board meetings and actively participate in at least one committee assignment. Can you devote the time necessary to fulfill these responsibilities?
  
- Have you ever been arrested for or convicted of a felony? If so, please explain.
  
- Have you ever had or is there currently a judgment against you? If so, please explain.
  
- Are you an officer, agent, employee or independent contractor of any governmental authority – federal, state, or local, excepting those of state institutions of higher educations? If so, please explain.
  
- Are you at least 18 years old?
  
- Are you a resident of Missouri?
  
- Do you live in the MFH service area? This includes 84 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis. *(NOT included in the MFH service area are the following Missouri counties: Andrew, Atchison, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, DeKalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Holt, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Livingston, Mercer, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Ray, St. Clair, Saline, Vernon and Worth.)*