Board Member Application

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Name: *

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Occupation: *

Dean for Business and Service Careers

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Please check the skills you could contribute to the board: *

- ☐ Accounting / Investment / Budgeting
- ☑ Management / Strategic Planning
- ☐ Marketing / Public Relations / Community Relations
- ☐ Fundraising / Events / Public Speaking
- ☐ Lobbying / Advocacy
- ☑ Education / Head Start / Early Head Start
- ☐ Section 8 Housing
- ☐ Community Transportation
- ☐ Senior Services (Transylvania County)
- ☐ Thrift Stores (Rosman / Hendersonville)

On what other boards have you served: *

Henderson County Smart Start, Henderson County Child Care Resource and Referral Advisory Committee

What charitable or community activities have you participated in? *

Henderson County Smart Start Board, Henderson County Child Care Resource and Referral Advisory Committee, Henderson County Local Interagency Coordinating Council, Center for Women in Brevard, Transylvania County Early Childhood Initiative, NAEYC, NCaeyc, Chair of NAEYC Accreditation Peer Review Teams, NEXT Church and ONE Church (Brevard)

Brief biography, including educational background, work/volunteer experience, special interests: *

Brenda Blackburn is the wife of Dave Blackburn, Pastor of ONE Church in Brevard, NC. She is the mother of Davey and Jonathan Blackburn, mom-in-law to two amazing daughters-in-law and "Nonna" to five incredible grandchildren. She is currently the Dean of Business and Service Careers at Blue Ridge Community College where she finds fulfillment in supporting and encouraging faculty and students in life and career paths. Prior to that she was the lead faculty member for the Early Childhood and School-age Education programs at Blue Ridge Community College. Early in her career she had the privilege to be an administrator of three different large child care facilities in three different states. She was the founder of the third child care. She has also taught Kindergarten, 1st, 4th and 6th grades in public and private school settings. Brenda is passionate about the well-being, education and development of children and families. She enjoys facilitating Bible studies, equipping, championing and strengthening families and couples, teaching adults and children alike, traveling to see family, hiking and golfing.

People volunteer for a variety of reasons, and it is important to WCCA to understand why our board members volunteer so we are able to keep them engaged in a meaningful way. Research tells us that the three primary reasons people volunteer include: Social/Affiliation needs (I want to belong), Ego needs (I want to matter), Altruistic needs (I want to give). No motivation is better than another, and we all may have different motivations for doing different things at different times in our lives. Please tell us why you would like to volunteer for the WCCA Board. *

I agree in the mission of WCCA (WNCSource) and believe that I can contribute in some small, but meaningful way to the organization.

What attracts you to one volunteer opportunity over another? *

Most of my volunteer positions have been related to the well-being, education, and development of children and to the training and education of those who are responsible for their care and education. I know that the first 5 years of a child's life are the most crucial in their overall development. I believe in a holistic approach to the nurture and development of the whole child. These are the reasons I volunteer in these specific areas.

What do you want to do once you join up? *

Assist in any way I can to further the mission of WNCA (WNCSource)

How would you prefer to be recognized for your contributions? *

No recognition needed

Can you regularly attend board meetings? Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each   *
month at 6:00 pm. No meeting in December. Board Attendance Requirement: Absences must
be conveyed before the Board meeting. Attendance at 67% (4 of 6) meetings is required

(●) Yes

(○) No

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