

Board of Directors – Volunteer Board Members (2 Positions)

Position Type:	Volunteer (Unremunerated Board Role)*
Eligibility:	Must Live or Work in Mississauga (Mandatory)
Term:	2-Year Term (Renewable up to 5 two-year terms)^
Time Commitment:	Minimum 6 hours per month
Meeting Format:	In-Person (Hybrid option available)
Start Date:	Fall 2026
Application Deadline:	September 21, 2026 (Applications reviewed on a rolling basis)

**Note: This is an unpaid volunteer position in accordance with non-profit governance standards. Board members are ineligible for paid contracts or grants from MAC during their tenure.*

^Note: Board members are required to purchase and maintain an active MAC membership throughout their term.

About the Mississauga Arts Council (MAC)

The [Mississauga Arts Council](#) (MAC) is a 45 year old registered charity independent of the City of Mississauga and dedicated to enabling the growth of the arts by creating more opportunities to work and greater connection between artists and residents. MAC has just moved to a larger location on Lake Ontario and has a staff of 7 and a budget of \$1.3 million.

We empower the local arts economy by:

- Creating capacity and professional opportunities for creators across all disciplines.
- Connecting artists to new audiences, resources, and each other through platforms like the [Sauga Arts Hub](#).
- Celebrating artistic achievement across visual arts, music, dance, theatre, literary arts, media arts, and interdisciplinary practices.

What's in it for You: Why Join MAC?

As a MAC Board Member, you will sit at the dynamic intersection of community, culture, and governance. This volunteer leadership role offers a unique opportunity to:

- Shape the City's Arts Sector: Directly influence strategic initiatives that fuel Mississauga's creative economy.
- Build Recognition & Awareness: Serve as a premier champion for the value of the arts across civic, corporate, and public spheres.
- Build a Cultural Legacy: Help create sustainable infrastructure and opportunities for local artists across all artistic practices.
- Expand Your Governance Profile: Develop high-level non-profit governance experience, collaborate with influential leaders, and potentially take on executive board leadership roles in the future.

Key Responsibilities

Board Members are volunteers who act as stewards of MAC's mission, providing strategic oversight, governance, and enthusiastic advocacy.

- Strategic & Governance Leadership: Oversee the council's strategic direction, policy direction, and fiscal health.
- Community Advocacy: Act as an ambassador for MAC, building strategic partnerships and expanding public awareness of our work.
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Embed EDI principles across all governance practices, board interactions, and community outreach.
- Active Board Engagement: Participate in monthly board meetings (90–120 minutes; hybrid format, in-person encouraged in Mississauga) and serve on at least one standing sub-committee (e.g., Governance, Finance, Fundraising, or Advocacy).

Candidate Qualifications & Preferred Skills

Mandatory Requirements:

- Local Connection: **Candidates *MUST* live or work in Mississauga.**
- Ontario Legal Requirements: the [Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act of 2010](#) requires that board members must be - a legal person who is over the age of 18, who has not been bankrupt, is legally capable of managing property.
- Volunteer Commitment: Candidates must be willing to commit a minimum of 4 volunteer hours per month.

Core Experience & Skills:

We welcome applications from visionary, community-minded individuals who bring leadership experience in any of the following key areas:

- Non-Profit Governance & Executive Leadership (Prior board officer or committee chair experience is an asset)
- Fundraising, Philanthropy, Corporate Sponsorship & Major Gifts
- Strategic Planning & Organizational Development
- Government Relations, Public Policy & Community Advocacy
- Human Resources, Law, Financial Oversight, or Risk Management
- Marketing, Public Relations & Communications

Diversity & Inclusion Commitment:

MAC strongly encourages applications from members of equity-deserving communities, including:

- South Asian community members and individuals from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour) groups
- 2SLGBTQIA+ communities
- Deaf persons and persons with disabilities or neurodivergence
- Young Adults (18-30 years old) and Seniors/Older Adults

Arts Sector Connection:

We welcome artists, arts administrators, corporate leaders, and community entrepreneurs alike across all artistic disciplines.

How to Apply

Please submit your cover letter and CV/resume as one single PDF document to info@macarts.ca.

- **Subject Line:** YOUR NAME – MAC Board Application
- **Deadline:** September 21, 2026 (Applications reviewed on a rolling basis)
- **Reminder:** Please explicitly confirm in your cover letter that you live or work in Mississauga, and indicate why you are interested in serving on our board.

MAC is committed to ensuring the value of diversity is upheld in everything that we do for our members, employees, volunteers, and the broader community. MAC welcomes and supports all people, regardless of ability, age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or beliefs. It is incumbent upon MAC staff and volunteers to share the responsibility of creating and maintaining an environment of mutual respect and support.

Accessibility Accommodations:

Applicants who require accessibility support during the recruitment process can contact Susan Durnin in confidence at info@macarts.ca.

We thank all candidates for their interest in volunteering with the Mississauga Arts Council. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.