

Public Call for Board Members: Grant Writing Expertise

About Fermata Ballet Collective:

Fermata Ballet Collective is a nonprofit organization based in Lane County, Oregon, with a mission to diversify ballet by creating inclusive paths within dance pedagogy and providing collaborative performance opportunities. Founded in June 2020 during the global pandemic and societal movements addressing persistent racism within eurocentric structures, Fermata Ballet Collective emerged as a refuge for dancers facing halted careers and projects. Embracing its namesake of "fermata," meaning "pause," FBC continues to extend support during expected and unexpected pauses in a dancer's career, with a commitment to fostering inclusivity in all aspects of its programming.

Board Member Opportunity:

Fermata Ballet Collective is currently seeking passionate individuals with expertise in grant writing to join its advisory board. As a board member, you will play a crucial role in shaping the organization's strategic direction, ensuring sustainable funding sources, and supporting the realization of its mission to diversify ballet and promote inclusivity in the dance community.

This is a volunteer position for a minimum of one year. If a board member wishes to remain in their previous position upon the conclusion of each year, they will be approved and reinstated through a majority vote by the Board of Directors. A notice of 30 days must be given prior to departure if the member decides to depart prior to the 1 year term completion.

Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with fellow board members to develop and execute fundraising strategies, with a specific focus on grant writing and securing funding opportunities.
- Research and identify potential grant opportunities that align with Fermata Ballet Collective's mission and programs.
- Write compelling grant proposals, ensuring alignment with grant guidelines and deadlines.
- Cultivate and maintain relationships with grant-making organizations, donors, and other stakeholders.
- Collaborate with the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and other relevant board members to track grant submissions, manage grant budgets, and fulfill reporting requirements.
- Assist with planning grant funded programs and projects alongside President, Vice President, Treasurer and other relevant board members.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated experience in grant writing, with a track record of securing funding for nonprofit organizations or similar entities.

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- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal, with the ability to craft compelling narratives that effectively convey Fermata Ballet Collective's mission and impact.
- Familiarity with the dance or arts community and a passion for promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion within the arts.
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team-oriented environment, contributing diverse perspectives and ideas to board discussions and decision-making processes.

Commitment:

- Regular attendance at board meetings, typically scheduled monthly on the second Sunday of the month from 9:30-11am, and active participation in board discussions and activities.
- Willingness to serve a term of one year, with the option for renewal upon majority board approval.
- Engagement in additional board responsibilities as needed, including committee work, event attendance, and fundraising efforts.

How to Apply:

If you are interested in joining Fermata Ballet Collective's advisory board as a grant writing expert, please submit a resume or CV, along with a brief statement of interest outlining your relevant experience and motivation for joining the board. Applications should be sent to fermataballetcollective@gmail.com by June 1st.

We look forward to welcoming dedicated individuals who share our commitment to diversifying ballet and fostering inclusivity in the dance community.

Thank you for your interest in supporting Fermata Ballet Collective's mission!

Sincerely,
Safia Suboohi
Fermata Ballet Collective Board Advisor