



## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Nonprofit Organizations**

### **1. What is the Emerge Broward Board Engagement Program?**

The Emerge Broward Board Engagement Program is a signature initiative that connects young professionals (ages 21-35) with nonprofit board service opportunities. It provides participants with training on nonprofit governance and board best practices, helping them serve effectively on local nonprofit boards.

### **2. Who is eligible to participate as a nonprofit partner?**

Nonprofits must be registered 501(c)(3) organizations to participate. They should be willing to approve an Emerge Broward member for a one-year board term with full voting and committee rights, while waiving any financial "give or get" obligations. (Note: The EB participants is still expected to participate in fundraising activities to the best of their ability.)

### **3. How long has this program been running, and what is its track record?**

The Board Engagement Program has been successfully operating for over twelve years. Throughout its history, the program has partnered with a wide array of nonprofits in Broward County, fostering impactful relationships that have strengthened local organizations. Many graduates have continued their nonprofit board service, taking on significant leadership roles in the community and driving positive change across various sectors.

### **4. Which organizations have participated in this program?**

The program has partnered with a diverse range of nonprofits in Broward County, spanning sectors such as education, healthcare, social services, arts, and community development. Organizations that have participated include:

- Arts and Cultural Center of Hollywood
- ArtServe, Inc.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Broward
- Broward Public Library Foundation
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Deliver the Dream
- Equine-Assisted Therapies of South Florida
- Flamingo Gardens, Inc.
- FLIPANY
- FLITE Center

- Friends of Birch State Park
- Friends of WLRN, Inc.
- Henderson Behavioral Health
- Historic Stranahan House Museum
- Jack and Jill Center
- Kids in Distress
- Pace Center for Girls Broward
- Rebuilding Together
- Sea Turtle Oversight Protection Inc
- Take Stock in Children of Broward County
- The Girl Choir of South Florida
- Voices for Children of Broward County

### **5. What are the requirements for Emerge Broward members in this program?**

Emerge Broward members are expected to:

- Actively participate in all scheduled training workshops and meetings.
- Attend the Nonprofit Matching Fair to engage with participating nonprofits.
- Serve a one-year term on the assigned nonprofit's Board of Directors, attending all board meetings and events.
- Maintain good standing in their Emerge Broward membership throughout the program.

### **6. How does the application and selection process work?**

Nonprofits interested in participating must complete the online application. Selections are made based on applicant numbers and a matching process. Selected nonprofits must attend the Nonprofit Matching Fair, where they will meet prospective board candidates.

### **7. What is the Nonprofit Matching Fair?**

The Nonprofit Matching Fair is an event where selected nonprofits and Emerge Broward members meet to explore board service opportunities. Nonprofits will set up booths to present their mission, goals, and board needs to potential board members.

### **8. What support does the program provide for board members?**

Board members receive training from the Community Foundation of Broward on nonprofit governance and best practices for board service. This equips them to make meaningful contributions to the organizations they serve.

### **9. Are there any financial obligations for Emerge Broward members serving on nonprofit boards?**

No, there are no financial "give or get" obligations. Members are encouraged to contribute to the nonprofit's mission based on their capacity and participate actively in the organization's fundraising activities (e.g., assist with planning special events).

**10. What are the benefits of joining the Board Engagement Program as a nonprofit?**

Nonprofits gain access to a pool of 350 talented young professionals from 250 different industries, bringing diverse skills and fresh perspectives to their boards. Whether its attracting younger board members who bring fresh ideas, have specific professional skill sets, come from diverse ethnic backgrounds, or all three – the Board Engagement Program will help you cultivate a board that's truly representative of the communities you serve.

**11. How can my nonprofit apply to the program?**

Nonprofits can apply by filling out the online application available on the Emerge Broward website during the open period of application (September of each year).

**12. Who can I contact for more information?**

For additional questions, please contact the Emerge Broward program team at [info@emergebroward.org](mailto:info@emergebroward.org).