



***On My Own, Inc.***  
***Non-Residential Independent Living Center***

## **Prospective Board Member Application**

*On My Own, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit serving people with disabilities and senior citizens.*

### **Mission:**

"To empower people with disabilities to live as full and productive members of society."

### **Board Governance Responsibilities**

The basic governance responsibilities of the Board of Directors for On My Own, Inc. include the following:

- Representing the broader community in advocating for the rights of people with disabilities
- Developing the mission, vision, values and priorities for On My Own
- Setting the tone for the way On My Own operates
- Setting policies that make On My Own function effectively
- Maintaining fiscal responsibility
- Ensuring compliance with State and Federal regulations
- Providing community leadership and promoting community engagement
- Guiding and supporting the management team
- Planning for the long-range future of On My Own

### **Board Member Expectations**

A certain level of self-discipline and professionalism is expected of all Board Members as they relate with one another and to the business operations of On My Own. Board members have the following expectations:

- Attend monthly meetings, special meetings, and the annual business meeting
- Actively participate in at least one sub-committee
- Maintain confidentiality
- Announce any conflicts of interest and abstain from voting after consulting with other board members
- Participate in training to improve knowledge of Independent Living and to explore new/existing programs available to On My Own

### **Compensation and Expenses**

On My Own's Bylaws set forth that Board Members may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred related to service, such as mileage reimbursement to On My Own meetings and training expenses.



**Date:**

**Personal Information:**

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation Information:**

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Experience and/or Employment: Please attach resume.

Please check any areas of expertise/contribution you feel you can make to further our mission.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Access/ADA Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications/Social Media | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Policy Development        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Finance    | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizing        | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medical       | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Development       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Activism/Advocacy     | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service           | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Resources      | <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking               | <input type="checkbox"/> Education                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal                | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Experience |  |

Please list any boards and committees that you serve on, or have served on (business, civic, community, fraternal, political, professional, recreational, religious and social).

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Why are you interested in serving on the On My Own Board?

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How do you feel On My Own would benefit from your involvement on the Board?

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Briefly explain your personal experience with a disability, disability rights issue, your independent living philosophy or your interest in learning more.

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Please provide some biographical information about yourself.

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Please share any other information you feel is important for consideration of your application to serve as an On My Own Board Member:

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Please list three personal references:

Name	Relationship to you	Phone Number

I understand that as an On My Own Board Member I will be responsible for each of the following:

- Attending board meetings and obtaining and retaining information shared in those meetings
- Keeping board meeting discussions and information confidential
- Actively participating in at least one subcommittee

I understand and agree that failure to observe these items will cause the Board to reconsider my position.

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Signature

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Date