



Notice of Open Board Positions

Posted on the MSA Website: **Thursday, February 13, 2025**

Open Board Positions: Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is accepting applications and letters of interest for election to the Board of Directors for 2025-2027. The open positions are for:

Regional Directors: Regions I, III, and V:

- Region I: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and The District of Columbia
- Region III: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands
- Region V: Arkansas, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas

NEXT STEPS

Application Process:

Interested candidates must be members of MSA and are requested to email a letter of interest to [Ramin Taheri](#), Chief Executive Officer, Magnet Schools of America, to be received by **Friday, March 21, 2025, 5pm EASTERN**. Candidates are required to submit the following as part of their application, and for publication on the MSA website:

- Letter of interest for the position;
- One-page resume/vitae;
- 50-word statement indicating why you should be elected to the position; and
- Picture (head shot), color preferred.

Election Process:

Voting will occur during the regional meetings at the conference, to take place on Wednesday, April 9th or Thursday, April 10th. All candidates will be asked to present for 2-3 minutes on why they should be elected. Those elected will be asked to attend the annual business meeting on Thursday, April 10th for the installation of all Board members.

We will be doing prep calls to rehearse and we will communicate days and times for those prep calls at the end of March.

Term of Office and Board Member Requirements:

All positions are for a two-year term (May 1, 2025-Spring, 2027). All candidates must be members in good standing of Magnet Schools of America. This means dues must be current.

Board members are required to attend three (3) meetings each year, often held in conjunction with MSA conferences. Board members are encouraged to attend each conference.

Additional questions, please email Beulah Davidson at beulah.davidson@magnet.edu.



Position Description

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Regional Director serves as the regional contact for all members and non-members in a geographic area, as specified by the breakdown of Magnet Schools of America's six (6) regions.

Time & Commitment

For attendance of the three meetings mentioned above, Board members are reimbursed only for the Board meeting portion of their travel, and as follows: if they have paid more than 50% of meeting costs from personal funds (that are not otherwise reimbursed), they will be reimbursed by MSA up to \$1,000 of the personal funds.

Responsibilities include:

- Serve as regional contact for all members and non-members in specified geographic area
- Represent Magnet Schools of America at local and regional events
- Send out bi-monthly emails to members in region in conjunction with the National Office
 - Communications can include: magnet school openings, new district member or new school member welcomes, legislative matters surrounding the magnet community in that region, upcoming deadlines for awards and conference registrations, etc.
- Participate in bi-monthly call with all other Regional Directors, led by Chair of Regional Directors
- Facilitate Regional Awards applications (Teacher of the Year, Principal of the Year, Merit Awards, Poster Contest)
 - Recruit new awards applicants and send reminder information regarding deadlines
 - Recruit readers for Principal of the Year and Teacher of the Year applications
 - Send reminder emails as needed
 - Make phone calls to thank applicants and congratulate winners
 - Visit winning schools when possible
- Recruit and identify prospective members at least once a year. Work with National Office to coordinate personalized outreach to these potential members

Suggested duties include:

- Host occasional webinars for constituents to answer any questions and discuss upcoming deadlines/news
- Host regional conferences for both regional members and non-members when possible
- Attend magnet school openings and meetings