



Committee Advisors Nomination Announcement – 2018

Taos Community Foundation (TCF) seeks dedicated community members to serve as Advisors to several existing grant/fund committees. All of these positions are of a voluntary nature, and all committees work in partnership with the Foundation's staff and Board of Directors.

Each TCF committee is dedicated to the overarching belief that effective grant making promotes social capital and supports the value of our community. Committee members participate in the grant-making evaluation/selection process, make funding recommendations to the Board of Directors and serves as an ambassador in the community on behalf of the Foundations mission.

All Committee advisors are selected to reflect the diversity of our communities and to assure a composite of requisite skills and experiences.

- Diversity includes sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, nationality, faith, age, disability, socioeconomics, employment, education, networks and geographic location.
- Skills and experiences may include not-for-profit governance and management, community building and outreach, fundraising, business management, education, leadership, research, communications and/or other relevant experience that may prove valuable in advancing the mission of the Foundation.
- Experience or knowledge in one or more of the Foundation's Focus/Initiative areas:
 - Community
 - Health
 - Environment
 - Youth
 - Animal Welfare
 - Arts and Culture
 - Special Needs children / Adoptive Families
 - Public Education
 - LGBT Community Connections

Responsibilities of Committee Advisors – With direction set from the TCF Board of Directors and guidance from TCF Staff, committees will:

- Attend regular committee meetings – typically on a quarterly basis
- Evaluate grant proposals/applications through independent reading and evaluation
- Participate in group discussions/reviews respecting a consensus decision-making process
- Conduct site visits to gather additional evaluative information
- Endorse a Final Grant Docket outlining program/funding recommendations
- Abide by all Taos Community Foundation policies relative to Conduct and Confidentiality

Terms of service are staggered to ensure continuity and balance between incumbents and new members. Terms are two (2) years in length, unless the applicant prefers to serve for a 1-year term. Individuals may serve two consecutive 2-year terms.

Committee/Fund Descriptions -

- Core Grants Committee – this committee reviews all community grants, either through specific focused initiatives, or through the larger community Letter of Inquiry (LOI) process. This committee meets on a regular quarterly basis, with additional deliberation meetings as needed during grant/LOI review times.
- Child Rite Committee – the Child Rite Fund provides grants to charitable organizations that provide services for special needs children in care or adoptive homes, and their families, and by filling gaps of service in the traditional adoption community. Over \$150,000 has been awarded to local organizations since the fund’s inception in 2010. This committee typically meets 3-4 times per year.
- Taos Public Education Fund (TPEF) – this fund is dedicated to enhancing and improving the education of every student in Taos Municipal School District. This committee has hosted 11 competitive applications for TMSD educators resulting in over \$200,000 in educational grants. This committee typically meets 3-4 times a year with the opportunity to participate in site visits during the school year.
- The Betty Thom Foster Fund – this newly established fund is dedicated to the memory of Betty Thom Foster and is dedicated for the support of the Arts, Education and the Environment. This committee will meet 2-3 times per year.
- Scholarship Committee Advisors - TCF hosts several scholarship committees which typically meet 2-3 times per school year. There are currently 30 TCF scholars attending various educational institutions around the country and to date, 90 scholarships have been awarded through the different award opportunities.

Timeline – An orientation meeting will be held in early January 2019 for all existing committee members and interested individuals. Please call Taos Community Foundation at 575-737-9300 for details.

Nomination Forms can be submitted by the following means:

- Electronically to Helen Forte, Director of Community Outreach
hforte@taoscf.org
- Hand Delivered to:
Taos Community Foundation
115 La Posta Road
Suite A
Taos, NM 87571



Taos Community Foundation Advisory Committee Nomination Form – 2018

1. Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Cellphone: _____

Email: _____

2. Committee Priority:

- Core Grants Committee
- Child Rite Committee
- Taos Public Education Committee
- Betty Thom Foster Committee
- Scholarship Committee

3. Experience, knowledge or interest in one or more of the Foundation’s Focus/Initiative areas (please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Welfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs children / Adoptive Families |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBT Community Connections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | |

Please provide a short introduction of your interest in serving as an advisor/committee member. What skills, knowledge, qualities or insights would you bring to the committee, etc? You may also elect to include a resume that outlines employment/community involvement