

FOR COLOURED GIRLS BURSARY FOUNDATION

Public Call for Board Members

Opportunity closing date: Saturday, 20 February 2021

Opportunity type: Other

For Coloured Girls Bursary Foundation is the brainchild of Geraldine Engelman, who grew up in the Cape Flats in Western Cape. The not for profit organization was established in August 2019 with founder members, Lwandle Tshabalala, producer at e.TV and Olivia Erasmus who were both subjected to challenges and interactions with young girls living within the coloured community. Juanita Oostendorp recently joined the team as a board member on her return from Wales.

The purpose of establishing For Coloured Girls Bursary Foundation is to provide support and resources for disadvantaged girl children residing in “coloured townships” from grade 8 to grade 12 through mentoring, learning and development initiatives, psychological and financial aid for those with the potential and passion to further their academic qualifications. In addition, provide the necessary bursary platforms to assist the girls after their matriculation with information and funding if necessary.

The For Coloured Girls Bursary Foundation Board seeks to appoint four female new members preferably from the following provinces:

1. Northern Cape
2. Eastern Cape
3. Free State
4. Kwa Zulu Natal

to join the Board to ensure it has the necessary capacity and skills to oversee the work of the organisation.

In its 2nd year of operations, it has seen unprecedented growth in relation to interest from the communities it targets, well known media moguls, funders and government. Although the organisation is young, the expertise in terms of the current board members are over 50 years within community and activism.

Members of the Board serve in a voluntary capacity and are expected to assume the following responsibilities:

- promote For Coloured Girls Bursary Foundation’s vision, mission and values.
- practice fiduciary oversight over For Coloured Girls Bursary Foundation’s operations, assets and finances.
- attend and participate in the meetings of the Board.
- identify funding opportunities and promote For Coloured Girls Bursary Foundation’s with potential funders.

- serve on sub-committees of the Board
- adherence to the Board Charter and all relevant laws in the execution of board member duties.

To complement existing skills and competencies on the Board, this call is for candidates from the Continent with related experience in the application and/or advocacy of Family Rights, Law, Psychology, Funding and Media/Communication. Members from the target communities with experience in these fields are encouraged to apply.

The Board meets virtually four times and one face to face planning / strategy meeting with an independent consultant in a financial year. Sub-committee meetings would be in addition to this. Board members are expected to commit the time necessary to prepare for and attend Board and Board sub-committee meetings.

A panel comprising of Board Members have been appointed to manage applications and interview prospective members.

If you wish to avail yourself and serve on the For Coloured Girls Bursary Foundation's Board, please forward a brief resume [no more than two pages] together with a letter of motivation to info@forcolouredgirls bursary.org.za by no later than 20th February 2021 for consideration.

For more about For Coloured Girls Bursary Foundation's, refer to www.forcolouredgirls bursary.org.za