



ROOTS Young Adult Shelter Board Opportunity

ROOTS is the largest young adult shelter in WA, providing a safe place to sleep for up to 45 young adults every night of the year. We are seeking passionate, diverse, and skilled individuals to join our board. If you are interested in supporting our guests by engaging in fundraising, governance, and relationship-building in our community, we want you to join us!

Our Mission: ROOTS Young Adult Shelter partners with young adults on their journey to stability.

Our Values

- Equity: We are committed to leading our work through an anti-racist lens and addressing other forms of systemic racism
- Community: Relationships and collaboration are vital components of everything we do—we are stronger together
- Accessibility: Our welcoming environment meets guests as they are by removing barriers to resources and opportunities
- Housing Focused: Housing is a human right, and we recognize that housing is the first step to stability
- Dignity: Our humanity, safety, and wellbeing are bound together

Our Programs

- We offer a low-barrier safe place to sleep, meals, laundry, and hygiene services
- We provide case management services
- Every week, we host Friday Feast for anyone in the University District seeking a meal or community

What Makes ROOTS Unique

- We are the largest low-barrier, emergency shelter for young adults in the state
- We have been serving young adults experiencing homelessness for more than 20 years
- We have strong partnerships and a solid reputation in Seattle and the University District
- We have a vibrant team of volunteers and staff

Board Desired Areas of Expertise

- Accounting/CPA
- Communications Professional
- Equity & Social Justice
- Investment Professional
- Lawyer
- Lived Experience of Homelessness
- Medical Professional
- Philanthropic Sector
- Software Expert
- UW Faculty/Staff

Expectations of Board Members

- Attend all monthly board meetings
- Serve on one or more board committees
- Attend fundraising and ROOTS-sponsored events, and invite your community/network
- Make a personally significant financial contribution
- Volunteer in shelter quarterly
- Serve as an ambassador of ROOTS in the community to galvanize support for our mission and our guests
- Commit to a three-year board term

Next Steps & How to Apply

Please email boardcandidates@rootsinfo.org to receive more information about ROOTS and our Board of Directors. We will invite interested candidates to meet our board and attend meetings. In order to be considered for appointment to the board, interested candidates must complete an application and be available for an interview.