



2026 BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 6, 2026

If you have any technical issues with submitting this application or other questions, please email Director of Community Boards Carol-Ann Church at carol-ann.church@brooklynbp.nyc.gov prior to the deadline.

Thank you for your interest in [Brooklyn Community Boards](#).

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All information in Section I must be completed for the application to be considered.

Note: The Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) may allow for public review of this application upon request.

Pursuant to the New York City Charter Section 2800 you must be a New York City resident to serve on a community board. To qualify for a particular board, you must live, work in, or have a professional or other significant interest within the board's district. The Office of the Brooklyn Borough President considers **a professional or other significant interest in the board's district** as:

- 1) **An employee of a city agency or organization located in the district and serving its residents.**
- 2) **A member of the board of directors of an organization based in the district.**
- 3) **A student attending a school located in the district.**
- 4) **A property or business owner.**

If you are seeking a council member's nomination, we suggest you reach out to that council member after you have submitted your application.

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

An electronic application is available on the website for online submission.

Emails **will not** be accepted. Completed paper applications must be delivered to Brooklyn Borough Hall by **mail or hand delivery only in a sealed envelope containing all supporting documents**. Envelope should be addressed to the following:

ATTN: Community Boards Unit
Brooklyn Borough Hall
209 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

If you're mailing in your completed application, it must be post-marked by February 6, 2026

SECTION 1

Contact Information

Name

Title	First Name	Last Name	Suffix

Home Address

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Street Address

Apt. #

Address Line 2

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City

State/Province/Region Default

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Postal/Zip Code

Country Default

Mobile Phone Number

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Other Phone Number if applicable

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Date of Birth

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Email

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Emergency Contact's Name

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Emergency Contact's Phone Number

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The following documents are required to be enclosed with the application.

1) Professional Information

A copy of your resume and/or a short biography.

2) Statement of Interest

If you have **documents-related** questions, please email: cbapplication@brooklynbp.nyc.gov.

SECTION II

Eligibility

To be eligible to serve on a Brooklyn community board, you must be a New York City resident, **aged 16 and older**. To qualify for a particular board, you must live, work, or have a professional or other significant interest in that board's district.

Application Type

- ☐ New applicant (not currently appointed by the Borough President to serve on a community board; includes Public Members*).
- ☐ Re-applicant (currently appointed by the Borough President to serve on a community board; excludes Public Members*).

*A public member is defined as a person who is appointed by the community board chairperson to serve on a committee. Public members do not vote at general board meetings.

Please note:

- Employees of a Brooklyn Council Member are not eligible for an appointment to any Brooklyn Community Board.
- Employees of Brooklyn-based state elected officials may be appointed to a Brooklyn Community Board for which they are eligible, so long as the Brooklyn Community does not overlap with the district in which they work and/or represent.

Familial relationships

- In the interest of diversity and representation and the avoidance of any potential conflicts of interest, the Borough President will not appoint more than one member of a household to the same community board.

I am applying for membership based on where:

- ☐ I live.
- ☐ I work.
- ☐ I attend school.
- ☐ I have a significant interest — **defined as business or property ownership (not including your primary residence) or significant affiliation with a local non-profit board.**

I am applying for membership on Community Board _____ based on the address below:

If you are applying based on a significant interest (which should not include your primary residence), please provide specific details demonstrating your eligibility.

SECTION III

Employment And Professional Information

Please provide previous employment in your resume and/or short biography.

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| ☐ Business Owner | ☐ Lobbyist |
| ☐ Non-Profit | ☐ Retail |
| ☐ City of New York Employee | ☐ Student |
| ☐ Self-Employed/ Freelance | ☐ State or Federal Employee |
| ☐ Private Sector | ☐ Building Trades |
| ☐ Family Manager | ☐ Retired |
| ☐ Caregiver | ☐ Unemployed |

Name of Current Employer / Business(es) / School

Title / Position (if applicable)

Address of employer, business, or school (where applicable)

Enter resume and or biography here

SECTION IV

Conflicts of Interest

Please note: Conflicts of Interest Board rulings **require** that applicants disclose whether they or their employers derive any income representing clients before the Community Board (i.e., attorneys, architects, consultants, etc.). These rulings do not automatically exclude one from board membership, but a review of this information is essential.

To the best of your knowledge, are you employed by, on the board of, or a member of, any entity (e.g., business, or nonprofit) with proposals, programs, requests, applications, licenses, or any other matters that may come before a community board for review, funding, support, or approval during the next two years?

Do you have any interests as described above that may come before a community board for review?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you have immediate family on the board to which you are applying?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please identify the person, entity, and /or the nature of interest.

SECTION V

Demographic Profile

The following information is requested to help ensure that community boards are diverse, inclusive, and representative, as Section 2800(a) of the New York City Charter requires. **Please note that you are not required to answer these questions, and this will in no way impact your application.** If you wish not to answer any question, please select ‘Prefer not to answer.’

Gender Identification

- ☐ Male
☐ Female
☐ Non-binary
☐ Other: (Please specify)
☐ Prefer not to answer.

Age

- ☐ 16-17 years old (**16 by April 1**)
☐ 18-19 years old
☐ 20-29 years old
☐ 30-39 years old
☐ 40-49 years old
☐ 50-59 years old
☐ 60-69 years old
☐ 70 years and older
☐ Prefer not to answer.

Tell us how you identify (select all that apply)

- ☐ African American / Black
- ☐ Caribbean
- ☐ East Asian / Southeast Asian / Pacific Islander
- ☐ European
- ☐ Latina/o/e/ Hispanic
- ☐ Native American / American Indian
- ☐ Southwest Asian / Middle Eastern / North African
- ☐ South Asian
- ☐ Sub-Saharan African
- ☐ White
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Is there any other background information you would like for us to know? (Please select all that apply.)

- ☐ Parent / guardian of a child (Pre-K to 12) grade)
- ☐ Immigrant
- ☐ Person with a disability
- ☐ Veteran / military service
- ☐ Non-native speaker of English
- ☐ LGBTQIA
- ☐ Prefer not to answer.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about how you self-identify?

Education (select the highest level)

- ☐ Some High School or Less
- ☐ High School Graduate or Equivalent
- ☐ Trade or Vocational Certification
- ☐ Associate's Degree
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree
- ☐ Master's Degree
- ☐ Some College
- ☐ Professional/Doctoral Degree
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Housing – Select based on your primary residence

Own

- ☐ Condo
- ☐ Co-op
- ☐ House
- ☐ Limited Equity
- ☐ Co-op Mitchell Lama

Rent

- ☐ NYCHA/ Public Housing
- ☐ Rent-Regulated Apartment
- ☐ Roommate, Lodger, Rent a Room, Single Room Occupancy
- ☐ Section 8/ FHEPS
- ☐ Live with Family (not Head of Household)
- ☐ Market rate (unregulated apartment)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer.

Transportation and Technology

I use the following transportation modes:

Never

Rarely

Sometimes

Frequently

Personal Vehicle	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
For-Hire Vehicle (Uber, Lyft, car service, etc.)	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Bike or any micro mobile device such as an e-scooter or e-bike	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Manual or electronic wheelchair or mobility scooter	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Subway/Train	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Bus	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Access-a-ride or other paratransit service	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4
Walking	☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4

Do you have a computer, smart phone, or tablet with internet in your home? (Select one)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

On a scale of 1 (not comfortable) to 5 (comfortable), how comfortable are you using video conferencing platforms (Zoom, Webex, Skype, etc.)?

☐ 1	☐ 2	☐ 3	☐ 4	☐ 5
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SECTION VI

Community Involvement and Organizational Affiliations

How many years have you been affiliated with the community district to which you are applying? _____

Applicants are encouraged to prepare for membership by becoming familiar with their board's operations and needs. All new applicants must attend at least one board meeting before applying:
In 2025, I ... (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Attended 1 or more full community boards meetings (virtually or in-person)
☐ Served as a Public Member of a committee appointed by the board chairperson
☐ Attended 2 or more committee meetings
☐ Visited the community board website to which I am applying
☐ Attended community board member trainings
☐ None of the above

Each year, a community board is required to submit a Statement of Community District Needs and Budget Priorities to the NYC Department of City Planning. The Statement is an assessment of the district's infrastructure and services as well as funding requests for improvements.

Have you read the community board's most recent statement?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If no, the statement can be found at <https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/> or visit the [board's website](#).

Have you held public office?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

NEW APPLICANTS ONLY:

Were you ever appointed to a community board?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If yes, what was the last year served? _____.

SECTION VII

***Statement of Interest. Applicants must use the prompts in the relevant category.
Please choose one of the following options:***

Option 1: If you are between the ages of 16-21, please write a statement of interest considering the questions below and include it with your application.

1. Why have you chosen to apply to become a community board member?
2. What organizations or clubs are you involved with?
3. Community boards are large bodies with diverse interests. What is your approach to having productive conversations when others disagree with you?
4. What amenities, programs, services should every community have to support youth and young adults in reaching their goals?
5. Is there additional information you want to provide that would be useful in considering your application?

Option 2: If you are a new applicant, please write a statement of interest considering the questions below and include it with your application.

1. Why have you chosen to apply to become a community board member?
2. What do you believe you can bring to the community board to improve it?
3. Community boards are large bodies with diverse interests. What is your approach to having productive conversations when others have differing opinions?
4. What is your perspective on adding housing to the community district?
5. What organizations or clubs are you involved with?
6. Is there additional information you want to provide that would be useful in considering your application?

Option 3: If you are currently a board member, please write a statement of interest considering the questions below and include it with your application.

1. What motivates you to continue serving as a board member?
2. How do you contribute to the board?
3. As a board member what is your primary community concern and how are you working to address it?
4. Community boards are large bodies with diverse interests. What is your approach to having productive conversations when others have differing opinions?
5. What is your perspective on adding housing to your community district?
6. What organizations or clubs are you involved with?
7. Is there additional information you want to provide that would be useful in considering your application?

Each community board has a monthly general meeting which members are **REQUIRED** to attend **in-person** or virtually. Whether meetings are in-person or virtual is determined solely by New York State Open Meetings Law and the by-laws of individual boards. In addition, there are various hearings, committee meetings, land use meetings, and workshops that require your virtual and/or in-person attendance.

If appointed, do you commit to attending the mandated general monthly meeting?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If appointed, do you commit to attending training and workshops, hearings, and committee meetings, whether virtually or in-person?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If appointed, do you commit to exercising these duties fully until term expiration?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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SECTION VIII

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I affirm that I am a New York City resident above the age of 16 who lives, works, attends school, or otherwise has a significant interest in the district of the community board to which I am applying.

I affirm that the address/es provided in the application reflect where I currently live, work, attend school or otherwise have a significant interest in the district of the community board to which I am applying.

If appointed, I will, within 60 days of appointment provide proof of address based on the eligibility-category of live, work, school or significant interest in a manner prescribed by the Borough President on appointment.

If appointed, I understand it is my responsibility to notify the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President of any changes in residence, employment, school enrollment, or any other factor that would affect my eligibility for community board membership.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I affirm that I am not employed by the Brooklyn Borough President or by a City Council Member who may make recommendations for appointment to the Community Board to which I am applying.

I am not employed by the State or City of New York in a position at or above the level of Assistant Commissioner (or equivalent title). If employed in such a capacity, I have secured a mayoral waiver allowing me to serve on a community board and have attached a copy to this application. If I am employed by the City of New York in any capacity, I have clearly indicated this in the Employment section of this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I am fully aware that community board membership requires my regular attendance and participation at Board meetings, meetings of committees to which I will be assigned, and public hearings that maybe convened. **Excessive absences (defined as substantial non-attendance over a period of six months) will constitute cause for my removal from the Community Board.**

I commit to participating in and completing required Equal Employment Opportunity, Diversity, and Compliance trainings.

I am both willing and able to make this commitment of time and effort to serve my community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I agree to abide by all New York City Conflict of Interest laws and rules. In all my community board activities, I will seek to adhere to the principles of good government, honesty, accountability, and the avoidance of conflicts of interest, both perceived and actual.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby authorize the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President to take reasonable and necessary steps to verify the accuracy of the foregoing statements and representations. I further agree to cooperate with said Office in any verification efforts.

I hereby affirm that all information in this application is complete, truthful, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that any falsification there of shall lead to immediate termination if appointed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and signed **all** the attestations on the Certification Statement.

 Signature

SECTION IX

Application Checklist

I have

- ☐ added all my contact information.
- ☐ included requested documents: resume & short biography.
- ☐ filled out the eligibility section.
- ☐ filled out employment and professional information.
- ☐ filled out conflict of interest section.
- ☐ included what I preferred in my demographic profile.
- ☐ responded to the transportation and technology section.
- ☐ included my community involvement and organizational affiliations.
- ☐ included a statement of interest.
- ☐ responded to the certification statement.

SECTION X

Would you like to receive updates on events and news from Brooklyn Borough Hall? Sign up here.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Zip: _____