Board of Directors
Open Call for Applications - Terms Begin June 2027

The NATA Research & Education Foundation creates, fosters, and advances a culture that values diversity, equity, and inclusion in all its activities. Our stakeholders come from all walks of life and so should we. We want committed people from a wide variety of backgrounds involved with the NATA Foundation's leadership and programs. Our mission and stakeholders are best served when people bring a variety of views and backgrounds together to advance our strategic priorities. Please join us.

The NATA Foundation is seeking to fill the following board vacancies with terms beginning June 2027:

- District 01 Director

All applicants should submit the following:

Incomplete applications will **not** be considered for review.

Please ensure that all required elements of the application, as outlined below, are fully submitted.

Complete and submit the online application form. As part of the application, you will be asked to respond to questions specific to the position for which you are applying.

District Director:

1. What is your vision for advancing the NATA Foundation and its impact to stakeholders?
2. What would be your strategy to increase awareness and raise additional funds to support the NATA Foundation within your district?

- ❖ Upload a cover letter to the application form which specifies the board position you are applying for and outlining how you can contribute to advancing the athletic training profession through the NATA Foundation.
- ❖ Upload a document containing responses to the questions for the position you are applying for (listed above). Be sure to clearly separate and label each response.
- ❖ Upload a curriculum vitae or resume to the application form that includes evidence of the minimum and preferred requirements for the position in which they are applying.
- ❖ Applicants are required to submit one letter of recommendation (preferred from someone within the applicant's district, excluding At-Large candidates). The letter should be no more than 400 words and must be included with the materials submitted at the time of application.
- ❖ ALL application materials should be condensed to one (1) electronic file and must be submitted online by the applicant.
- ❖ Applicants are required to enter their NATA membership number, NPI number, and BOC number in the online application, if they are required of the position being applied for (currently required for all BOD positions except At-Large Directors).
- ❖ Board election will occur the last week of January, with selections announced in February 2027.
- ❖ All board position terms will officially begin during the NATA convention in June 2027.

Deadline for all applicants to submit materials is January 5, 2027

Submit Here

NATA Foundation Board Member Positions
Eligibility Requirements and Descriptions

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Purpose: Ultimate responsibility for the success and governance of the National Athletic Trainers' Association Research & Education Foundation (NATA Foundation) rests with the Board of Directors, as recognized by both state and federal statute. The Board is the primary force pressing the NATA Foundation to the realization of its opportunities for service and the fulfillment of its obligations to all its constituencies and stakeholders.

Eligibility: To be nominated and elected to the board, an applicant must have an NPI number and currently be a NATA member, BOC certified and have a minimum of ten (10) years of experience as a BOC credentialed athletic trainer when the term of service begins. Current NATA members who have retired their BOC certification after 20 years or more are also eligible to be nominated or elected but they must have an NPI number at the time of nomination. At Large positions are exempt from these requirements.

General Responsibilities of all Board Members:

1. Establish the mission, goals, objectives and strategic priorities for the NATA Foundation. Assist with the development and approval of long-range strategic plans. Review and approve major programs as well as all grants, scholarships and awards.
2. Develop and/or approve the policies that govern the operations of the NATA Foundation. The Board sets the course for the NATA Foundation and makes certain that the strategic priorities are achieved.
3. Ensure overall fiscal responsibility for the NATA Foundation as an independent non-profit organization. The Board shall be responsible for the Foundation's financial health and security through regular review of its finances, investments, operating budget, program costs and fundraising and development efforts.
4. Actively support foundation fundraising and development initiatives to increase revenues in support of the Foundation's established and emerging programs and strategic priorities.
5. Develop and participate in a process of regular self-evaluation including an assessment every 3-5 years of the environment of the athletic training profession in order to develop new initiatives in response changing stakeholder needs as warranted.
6. Serve as legal custodian for all tangible assets of the NATA Foundation.
7. Disburse funds in the form of grants, scholarships and NATA Foundation-sponsored programs according to organizational policies and strategic priorities approved by the Board of Directors.
8. Evaluate and elect Board members and officers, and appoint committee chairs and committee members.
9. Attend all meetings of the Board in person or by phone unless there are significant issues preventing a member from attending. Absence from four board-related conference calls or two calls and one in-person meeting during a calendar year can be cause to forfeit position on the board, allowing an individual with more time to serve. Such action would require the review and recommendation of the Executive Committee.
10. Support the NATA Foundation through individual donations and development initiatives on an annual basis.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Purpose: District Directors should be individuals who are, or have been, active in their respective NATA districts and are known to and supported by the district and state leadership and the general membership of the district. District Directors serve as the primary Foundation Liaison to their district and as the primary fundraiser for District and National development initiatives in their respective district.

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Term & Limits: District representatives to the Board of Directors may serve two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. Any person who has occupied any particular director position for two (2) consecutive full terms may serve in such position again after a one-term hiatus. The District Director is immediately eligible to serve on the NATA Foundation Board in a different position or on an NATA Foundation committee.

Number of Positions: The number of district directors will be based on Section 3.2 of the approved Foundation Bylaws.

Duties: *In addition to those required of all Board members*

1. Lead the organization's fundraising efforts in their districts.
    - Lead and develop district fundraising efforts to generate revenue for the organization. Key initiatives may include organizing events (such as an annual district meeting raffle, social auction, etc.) and leading campaigns to expand the NATA Foundation Circle of Champions.
2. Recruit and effectively utilize state ambassadors to facilitate development and fundraising efforts with each member's district.
3. Utilize personal talents, expertise, influence, contacts and resources to the benefit of the Foundation.
4. Cultivate existing contributors and help identify and solicit prospective donors.
    - Cultivate existing contributors and help identify and solicit prospective donor/corporate sponsors for Foundation fundraisers such as the silent auction or NATA Annual Meeting event.
5. Assist in the development and assessment of NATA Foundation goals and objectives.
6. Actively participate within each assigned Committee and provide leadership and guidance when serving as chair of a Committee.
7. Take on projects and additional responsibilities as requested by the NATA Foundation President, Executive Committee, and/or Director.
8. Serve as a recognized ambassador of the NATA Foundation to the public, while enthusiastically encouraging financial support of the mission and goals of the NATA Foundation, whenever possible.

For more information or to be put in contact with the current district director to learn more about responsibilities, please contact the NATA Foundation Executive Director, Stephanie Rowan at Stephanier@nata.org