

# Snohomish County Boards & Commissions Application Form

## ***SNOHOMISH COUNTY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION FORM***

NOMINEE: Please fill in this section

Name of Board/Commission: Children's Commission

New Appointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Name Lark Kesterke

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Current Employer WithinReach

Occupation Program Manager

Education BA

Licenses held (if applicable) *Field not completed.*

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? I believe that civic engagement in one's community is essential to the health and wellbeing of all of its members. I would like to serve on the Snohomish County Children's Commission in

order to support inclusive, child- and family-centered approaches in our county.

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Please explain why you are a qualified candidate, including relevant professional experience, to serve on the board/commission.

I have 16 years of experience with the Snohomish County nonprofit sector, primarily working with providers serving families with young children (prenatal-8 yr). Additionally, I am familiar with best practices in collective impact, grant making, public policy (advocacy), strategic planning, and program management. Where I find the most joy, professionally, is collaborating with community partners and working across system sectors towards a shared vision. I believe that I would bring a calm, caring, analytical and adaptable approach to the work of the Children's Commission.

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Please list community involvement/volunteer activities

\* VOLUNTEER - Casino Road Kids Ministries Board Chair (2015-2019)  
\* VOLUNTEER - Connect Casino Road Development Team (2020-2021)  
\* VOLUNTEER - Mukilteo Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council (2019-2020)  
\* VOLUNTEER - Mukilteo School District's Citizen's Team (2021-current)

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How did you learn of this opportunity?

I have been aware of the work of the Children's Commission for some time and connected with County staff to learn more about its purpose and role within local government. After attending one meeting as a guest, I was moved by the conversation of its board and the direction they are headed.

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Do you currently serve on a Snohomish County board or commission?\*

No

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*\*2.03.060SCC - Candidates for appointment to county boards or commission must meet the following requirements:*

*(1) Possess qualifications for the appointment sought, as shown by the candidate's written documentation and any hearing testimony;*

*(2) If a reappointment, demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member as discussed in the executive's recommendation and a satisfactory attendance record, as determined by adopted criteria of the particular board;*

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(3) Reside or work in Snohomish County, or show evidence of special interest in Snohomish County, PROVIDED That a candidate may not be a County employee.

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\*\*Please be advised, effective January 1, 2022 individuals joining identified boards and commissions will be required to pass a background check.

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*By signing this Application Form, Nominee acknowledges that he/she will comply with all county policies, county code, and state law. Nominee also acknowledges that any record, including personal e-mail, prepared, owned, used, or retained by Nominee in the conduct of Board/Commission business is a public record, and Nominee agrees to produce said records to County upon request. Failure to comply with the above provisions may result in Nominee's removal from Board/Commission.*

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Signature Lark Kesterke

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Date March 4, 2022

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Please attach resume if available and either submit this form or print it and mail to [LKesterke-ResumeDeptCommerce.pdf](#)

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