

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

2nd Reappointment

Snohomish County Council District (Please choose one):

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Current Employer: *Field not completed.*

Occupation: Retired Educator, Middle School Principal

Education: B A in Education, Teachers Training College of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo

Licenses held (if applicable): Teachers Certificate in Elementary School Education

Why would you like to serve on this board/commission? I have been on Snohomish County Childrens Commission for more than 6 years and believe my voice can make an impact on the lives of children; especially the underserved.

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

Reappointment Application

Please list community involvement/volunteer activities

See resume

How did you learn of this opportunity?

Reappointmentapplication

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

Yes

**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;

(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.

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.

Signature

Desmond P Pullen

Date

May 17, 2021

Please attach resume if *Field not completed.*
available and either submit
this form or print it and mail
to

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With 45 years of experience working with children and their families, I have developed a keen understanding of what is required for children's safety, happiness and growth. In my practice as a teacher, I have worked with children of diverse backgrounds and learning styles. As an administrator, I have worked with families of different cultures in providing assistance, support and advocacy. Too, I have significant experience coordinating programs with the larger community that provides healthy, safe activities for children. My experience in developing teams is extensive, offering leadership and opportunities for collaboration and organizational growth.

EXPERIENCE

Snohomish County Children's Commission, Chair
Edmonds Driftwood Players, Community Board Member
Children's Wellness Coalition, Member

Children's Advocate: Interfaith Association of Western Washington Shelter for Homeless Families:

- Planning and Coordinating "Learning Hour"
 - ✓ Organizing and implementing lesson plans during the school year as well as during school vacations
 - ✓ Providing support and guidance for children and families
 - ✓ Keeping careful records of children's attendance
- Participating in initial intake and welcome for children and families
- Providing case management and developing goals and action plans with children
- Coordinating and supporting volunteers in the Children's Program
- Coordinating and supporting interns assigned to the Children's Program
- Maintaining accurate records
- Attending weekly staff and house meetings
- Assisting in up-keep of Shelter facility
- Soliciting and acquiring needs of Children's Program (such as art supplies, sports equipment, indoor and outdoor games, books)
- Advocating for children's needs with schools and other social agencies
 - ✓ Arranging for Spanish translator
 - ✓ Communicating and problem-solving with local public schools, teachers and school counselors
 - ✓ Coordinating with "Birthday Dreams"
- Communicating and organizing activities in wider community
 - ✓ YMCA
 - ✓ Boys and Girls Club

- ✓ Children's Museum
- ✓ Church groups
- ✓ Everett Fire Department
- ✓ Outside speakers, artists and performers
- Working with Interfaith Staff to address team issues and concerns
- Initially volunteering as tutor and general assistant to the Interfaith program

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Head of Middle School: *Wilbraham & Monson Academy, Wilbraham, MA*

- Planned and coordinated academic curriculum and afterschool program
- Supervised and supported faculty and staff
- Oversaw budget and daily operations
- Member of Administrative Team
- Taught 7th grade Social Studies and 11th grade History
- Coached soccer and track teams

Head of Middle School: *Williston Northampton School, Easthampton, MA*

- Planned and coordinated academic curriculum and afterschool program
- Hired and supervised faculty and staff
- Oversaw budget and daily operations
- Member of Administrative Team
- Taught Social Studies
- Coordinated diversity initiatives
- Coached soccer and track teams

Founder and Director: *Greenfield Recorder Soccer League*

- Established Summer Soccer League and Summer Soccer Schools for local youngsters, ages 4 through 16.
- Worked with *Greenfield Recorder* staff and negotiated with staff and administration for fields and facilities at Greenfield Community College
- Coordinated teams and schedules in League for local children
- Directed sports and activity sessions for soccer schools
- Recruited players and coaches
- Trained coaching staff
- Worked with community businesses and organizations

Director of Third Form: *Eaglebrook School, Deerfield, MA*

- Planned and coordinated academic curriculum for Third Form (6th grade) classes
- Supervised and supported faculty and staff
- Oversaw budget and daily operations
- Member of Administrative Team
- Coordinated diversity initiatives in curriculum and program
- Taught Third Form English, Social Studies, Science and Math, including organizational and study skills
- Coached soccer, basketball and track teams

- **Dorm Head**
 - Was responsible well-being of dormitory of 30 boys, ages 10 – 15
 - Oversaw dorm faculty.
 - Organized evening and weekend study halls, activities and social events
- **Advisor**
 - Counselor and guide for 12 middle school boys, overseeing their academic and social growth and progress
 - Communicated regularly with boys' teachers, coaches and families
 - Kept families informed of boys' progress and concern

EDUCATION

- **Bachelor of Arts, Education**
Teachers Training College, University of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe)
- **Graduate level courses, Education**
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- **Board Member, *Northeast Foundation for Children*, Turners Falls, MA**
- **Board Member, *Girl Scouts of Western Massachusetts***
- **Accreditation Teams, *Association of Independent Schools of New England***

REFERENCES

Available upon request.