

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
APPLICATION FOR SERVING ON CITY BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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PLEASE CHECK THE BOARDS ON WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING:

- AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE
- CITIZEN'S BUDGET ADVISORY BOARD
- CIVIL SERVICE APPEALS BOARD
- CONTRACTORS EXAMINING BOARD
- DISTRICTING COMMISSION
- KEEP PORT ST. LUCIE BEAUTIFUL
- MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
- PLANNING BOARD & ZONING BOARD
- PUBLIC ART ADVISORY BOARD

Why do you think you are qualified to serve on this board? Experience working with and sitting on community boards. Currently serve as Exec Director for the Arts & Cultural Alliance of St. Lucie, Inc

Brief description of Education & Experience: Resumé required, please attach - To Follow
BB.A in Business Finance with over 20 years of non profit senior management experience. Also, past Main Street Exec Director.

Do you now serve on any City Board, Committee or other Governmental Board or Committee?
Yes No

If yes, please list:

Until such time that you are selected for the Board of your choice, may we submit your application as vacancies occur? Yes No

Are you a registered voter? Yes No Will be by month-end (Jan)

Are you a City resident? Yes No

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If yes, for how long? new to community

Are you a United States Citizen?

Yes No

Are you presently employed by the City of Port St. Lucie?

Yes No

Are you a current or former law enforcement officer, other employee* or the spouse or child of one who is exempt from public records disclosure under FS 119.07?

Yes No

*Other covered jobs can be found listed under Florida Statute 119.07

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, pled guilty or no contest to a criminal charge, or entered into an agreement setting forth the terms leading to the reduction or dismissal of the charges?

Yes No

If "Yes", please describe

Where convicted _____

Date of conviction _____

NOTE: A "YES" answer to these questions will not automatically bar you from serving on a Board or Committee. The nature, appointment relatedness, severity and date of the offense in relation to the appointment for which you are applying are considered. A criminal conviction check will be conducted. Failure to disclose the requested information will result in the withdrawal of the offer of appointment or termination of the appointment if discovered after the appointment commences.

SIGNATURE 

DATE 1/18/2012

APPLICATIONS WILL BE KEPT ON FILE ONE (1) YEAR FROM DATE OF SUBMISSION

Submit to:

City Clerk's Office
Port St. Lucie City Hall
121 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984
TEL: (772) 871-7325
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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

High energy management professional with exceptional interpersonal and communication skills with an extensive background in the following broad-based competencies:

Bachelor's Degree in Business Finance	Budgetary Administration
Major Gift and Capital Campaign fundraising	Strategic Planning
Program Development & Implementation	Executive Leadership & Supervision
Grant Writing	Staff Development & Training
Networking & Public Speaking	Board Relations
Event Planning	Public Relations & Marketing

- Managed a \$1.75 million capital campaign.
- Managed operations during \$10 million renovation of the historic Ryman Auditorium.
- Developed and administered \$1.1 million budget for Quantum House, Inc.
- Demonstrate ability to manage projects to achieve strategic goals.
- Comprehensive knowledge of operational, fiscal, and personnel management.
- Ability to develop coalitions & crucial relationships to reach the organization's vision.
- Highly respected and deeply committed administrator.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ARTS & CULTURAL ALLIANCE OF ST LUCIE, INC. – Port St. Lucie, FL 2011 –
Organize, champion, nurture, promote, and fund arts and cultural activities in St. Lucie County.

Accomplish the goals developed by the Board of Directors for the enhancement and growth of the arts. Create a development plan that encompasses all traditional fundraising programs to help ensure the long term viability of the Alliance. Build a re-granting program, Art in Public Places program, arts education component, and an arts advocacy agenda.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

FIRST STEPS, INC. – Nashville, TN 2010 - 2011
A child development center for children six weeks to five years of age with a 53 year history of serving special needs children set in an inclusive environment with their typically developing peers.

Design and implement the organization's development and marketing plans to achieve established budgetary goals and organizational initiatives. Responsible for the enhancement of the organization's website and other on-line, social networking communication tools to increase awareness, community involvement and financial support. Coordinate annual events and programs directed toward community awareness and overall fundraising objectives.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MAIN STREET: MURFREESBORO INC. – Murfreesboro, TN 2007 - 2010

Preservation, revitalization, economic development and promotion of Murfreesboro's historic downtown business district.

Provided direction for Main Street's approach to economic development through historic preservation. Responsible for budget development and management, public relations and marketing initiatives, and special events. Developed and implemented a business retention program to identify "at risk" merchants and recruit new business to the central business district.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

QUANTUM HOUSE, INC. – West Palm Beach, FL 1999 - 2007

A temporary residence for families while their children are treated for serious medical conditions at St. Mary's Medical Center.

Project manager during the construction of the \$1.5 million 10,000 square foot residence. Responsible for the operations and fiscal oversight of the organization. Worked closely with the Board of Directors to develop annual operating budgets, identify funding sources and coordinate strategic goals. Planned and directed all marketing initiatives, cultivating productive relationships throughout the community to promote awareness. Planned and coordinated support campaigns, telethons, public events, grant writing and all other fundraising efforts to secure both private and corporate support. Communicated the mission and vision of the organization through speaking engagements, media relations and networking opportunities.

COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR

CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH – West Palm Beach, FL 1995 - 1999

The Community Events Division is within the Mayor's Department; planning all City events and activities.

Project manager for the construction and operation of the 2,500 grass-seat Meyer Amphitheater. Responsible for programming, production and coordination of festivals and events including the City's signature 4th of July festival drawing 100,000 people. Developed resource allocation plans for events and assisted the Mayor and City Commission with press conferences, governmental visits, and community wide activities.

OPERATIONS MANAGER

RYMAN AUDITORIUM – Nashville, TN 1994 - 1995

A Gaylord Entertainment owned National Historic Landmark that serves as a leading performance venue for all musical genres.

Member of the management team during the \$10 million renovation of the historic Ryman Auditorium. Responsible for guest services, maintenance, security and custodial departments. Coordinated the museum operations serving 250,000 visitors annually. Developed capital budget projections, managed annual budgets for assigned departments and handled maintenance service agreements. Developed operating manuals and conducted employee training for the museum, usher and security staff.

AFFILIATIONS

Association of Fundraising Professionals - Strategic Planning and Finance Committees

Leadership Rutherford County - Alumni

Rutherford County Convention & Visitor's Bureau – Board of Directors

Rutherford County Arts - Organizing Committee Member