



**Call for Nominations for the volunteer
Board of Directors of Deaf Services Canada
*A community agency where you make a difference!***

Deaf Services Canada, formerly Silent Voice Canada, is a registered charitable organization that serves Deaf seniors, adults, parents, youth, children, infants, and their families, and the broader community, in an American Sign Language (ASL) environment. We are dedicated to improving communication and relationships between Deaf and hearing family members and Deaf and hearing members of our communities.

Available Positions

We are currently seeking committed volunteers with a range of skills for positions on the Deaf Services Canada Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Deaf Services Canada is responsible for the oversight of the organization and for the development of strategic plans to achieve the agency's mission.

The Board comprises 7-12 directors. All directors are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting and hold office for a three-year term. The Board of Directors of Deaf Services Canada requires a commitment of time. A Board term is three years. The Board meets at least 6 times per year. Additionally, each Board member is expected to join one Board committee (Finance, Governance, Strategic Planning, or Fundraising), participate in initiatives and events, and leverage personal and professional networks to benefit Deaf Services Canada.

We are seeking individuals with experience and knowledge in any of the following:

- Advocacy
- Community Resources
- Deaf Education
- Deaf Community Cultural Wealth
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Government Relations
- Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism, Representation, Equity, and Belonging
- Information Technology (IT)
- Law
- Marketing
- Newcomer and PR Engagement
- Policy
- Risk Management
- Strategic Planning
- Volunteer Engagement
- Youth Engagement

Nominations

Interested candidates are requested to fill out the Nominations Package on the following page and submit this (in writing in a Word or PDF document or in ASL in a video format) along with an updated resume or summary of skills and experience, or any relevant information candidates would like to share with the committee.

The deadline for applications is July 24, 2026. Please submit your application to the Nominations Committee, care of Kelly MacKenzie, Deaf Services Canada Executive Director at k.mackenzie@deafservices.ca

Deaf Services Canada is an agency grounded in human values offering services to the WHOLE community. We value and respect the dignity and worth of ALL people.

ALL are welcome to consider this call for Board members.

Living in the Toronto Area is not required, although a majority of Board members must be residents of Toronto to meet funding conditions.

Nominations Package

Full Name:

Pronouns (this is asked out of respect so that we use your preferred pronouns; sharing non-binary pronouns will NOT reflect negatively on your application):

Email address:

Phone Number:

Home Address:

Questions

Please limit responses to 100-200 words or brief responses in ASL.

1. Why are you interested in serving on Deaf Services Canada's Board of Directors?
2. What experiences, skills or networks will you bring to the Board of Directors?
3. Deaf Services Canada is a Catholic Charities member agency and as such is guided by Catholic, Human Rights, and Social Justice values: the door is open to everyone; no judgement of a person's circumstances; the most vulnerable are priority; where we identify gaps in services, we make every attempt to fill them or make a meaningful referral. As a potential Deaf Services Canada Board member, do you feel you could uphold these values?
4. Deaf Services Canada is committed to IDARE (inclusion, diversity, anti-racism, representation, and equity) and principles of belonging, in its programs, practices, and policies, and welcomes applicants from young people, people of colour, Indigenous, First Nation, Metis, and Inuit peoples, people with disabilities, 2SLGBTQIA+, seniors, and all others who may contribute to the diversification of ideas. If you would like to self-identify as a member of any of these groups or another, please do so. Please note, there is no requirement to disclose.
5. Please attach your resume and any additional information you would like the committee to review.

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