



**Cornell Cooperative Extension Schuyler County
 Board of Directors Expectations and Membership Application**

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Schuyler County Board of Directors. We are proud of our 100+ year history serving the community and count on a dedicated and engaged Board to help advance our mission.

To assist you in determining your interest in, and capacity to serve on the CCESC Board please review the following document outlining our Vision, Mission, Core Values and basic expectations regarding Board service. Assuming you are still interested (and we hope you are!), we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the Board Member Application at the end of this document. You may send your completed application to schuyler@cornell.edu or provide directly to any current Board member or the Executive Director. You may also mail your application or drop it off at our office.

Our Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Vision: Honoring the past, preparing for the future through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Life-long learning ▪ Sustainable agriculture and natural resources management ▪ Healthy adults, youth and families ▪ Engaged communities 	
Mission: To sustain and support our community through collaborations that put experience and research to work.	
CCESC Core Values: RISE	
Resilience: As individuals and as an organization we are agile and able to adapt; we embrace challenges as an opportunity to learn and continually improve.	Innovation: We are committed to unearthing untapped potential by exploring alternatives and constantly seeking and offering new solutions.
Sustainability: Our 100 year + commitment to sustainability is in our DNA. We believe in using what history has taught us while thinking strategically about our future.	Education. CCE’s foundation: it is what we do. We are committed to providing conventional and alternative ways of educating a cross-generational community of people interested in and committed to learning and putting knowledge to work to enrich their lives.



Board Member Expectations

In the spirit of helping you assess your interest in, and capacity to, serve, we've delineated some basic expectations (framed as statements to help bring the expectations to life) below. These are not intended to be exhaustive. Nor are they intended to limit the ways in which you may want to contribute. The bottom line: we want to make sure you know in advance what you are signing up for.

- I view my Board service as an ***honor and not an obligation or favor.***
- I will **proactively contribute my time and talent** to advocate for and advance CCESC's Mission, Vision, and Core Values.
- I intend to be an **engaged Board member**, meaning:
 - I will attend and actively participate in Board meetings (including advance review of Board meeting materials as much as possible); when I cannot attend Board meetings, I will notify the Board President and Executive Director in advance about my absence.
 - Outside of unforeseen and unavoidable events, I understand if I miss more than three Board meetings (annually) I will be asked to reassess if I am interested in and able to continue to serve and may be asked to resign.
 - I will be proactive in bringing my ideas to the Board and the Executive Director and understand my role is not to engage in CCE operations.
 - I understand I may serve up to two three-year terms.
- **I will support CCE events.** While there is no expectation of attending all CCE events and programming, I recognize my presence matters. I will "show up" to support the CCESC Team and the Mission when I can, and especially where an event aligns with the contributions I have to make to CCESC and the community we serve. I will make it a priority to support especially important events, such as Wines in the Valley, the annual meeting, etc.



Board of Directors Membership Application

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
Occupation (current or former if retired):	
Current Employer and Position/Role:	
Why do you want to serve and in what ways do you envision you will you contribute to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Board of Directors and the CCESC Mission?	
What concerns, if any, do you have about serving?	
Past volunteer and paid experiences that relate to Board membership:	



What else would you like to share?

Would you consider serving as an officer of the Board?

***NOTE(S):** Elections will take place at the annual meeting, typically scheduled in late November or December. Please contact the office on deadlines and requirements for nominations and reach out to the Executive Director using the contact information listed above. Occasionally, mid-term replacements are required and you may be approached to fill an open position. If you are completing this form electronically feel free to use as much space as necessary to answer questions. If you are completing the application in hard copy, feel free to use the back of this paper if you need additional space.