



A North Dakota nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable and education purposes in affiliation with the National Network of Abortion Funds

Board of Directors Application

Mission Statement: The North Dakota Women in Need Abortion Access Fund believes abortion is a fundamental human right. We break down discriminatory barriers that block abortion access. We provide financial assistance for abortion and related reproductive healthcare services in North Dakota. We build stronger communities through funding and advocacy efforts in order to achieve reproductive justice.

History & Activities:

The North Dakota Women in Need (WIN) Abortion Access Fund was established in January of 1999 to serve indigent, financially eligible women of North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. The goal of the fund is to serve as a safety net for women who would not otherwise be able to obtain an abortion or other related reproductive health services.

The ND WIN Abortion Access Fund provides financial assistance for women seeking abortion in North Dakota. Grants are provided to reduce the abortion fee for eligible women. Additionally, funds are used to assist with a variety of needs on the day of an appointment including, but not limited to: Birth Control, Sexually Transmitted Infection Testing, Ultrasounds, Basic Healthcare Supplies, Lodging and Transportation, Childcare, Food.

Further, the ND WIN Abortion Access Fund believes women should not have to pay to terminate a pregnancy that resulted from rape. The Fund covers the entire cost of an abortion for these women. Paying for this service is one small act of compassion for those who have experienced sexual violence.

The ND WIN Abortion Access Fund opposes unreasonable restrictions on abortion access. North Dakota and South Dakota have some of the most restrictive laws in the nation on abortion and abortion access. These conservative state legislatures continue to introduce and largely support additional onerous restrictions. The ND WIN Abortion Access Fund initiates advocacy efforts to inform, educate and activate the public when these legislative threats occur.

The ND WIN Abortion Access Fund is in affiliation with the National Network of Abortion Funds, a network of over 70 grassroots groups in more than 40 states that help people pay for abortion. For more information about NNAF, visit them at www.fundabortionnow.org. At least two ND WIN Abortion Access Fund representatives attend NNAF's annual conference.

BOARD COMMITMENT & EXPECTATIONS:

The ND WIN Abortion Access Fund Board is a small, cohesive and active board that requires its members to be willing, able and effectively give of their time and talents. A successful board member will be an autonomous worker who works collaboratively with others. We meet in person on a bi-monthly

basis on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Board members are expected to devote time to board work each month outside of the in-person meeting. At different times of the year as we prepare for our Annual Events – more time may be asked of board members to ensure the events are successful. ND WIN Abortion Access Fund board members are mostly driven by a desire to benefit the women seeking funds and to ensure the fund runs smoothly.

Board members are responsible for the fiscal health of the organization. This means overseeing that the ND WIN Abortion Access Fund has the monies necessary to keep the organization strong. Board members are required to donate annually within their means. The ND WIN Abortion Access Fund has two term lengths: the Standard Term length of three years, and a College Board Member Term of one year. College students at the undergraduate level, of any age, will be first offered the College Board Member term, and any young adult applicant who is not enrolled in college will be offered the standard three-year term length. Board members can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, with exceptions, and may be able to take a hiatus from board duties if and when the need arises.

The ND WIN Abortion Access Fund is committed to a diverse Board of Directors and supporters, and is committed to working for health care equality for all. As an ND WIN Abortion Access Fund Board member, you are required to: participate with planning and attending the bi-monthly board meetings, fundraising, supporter recruitment, and other training events. Board members also serve on task forces and participate in planning our key events throughout the year that include, but are not limited to, Choice Desserts, Bowl-a-Thon, Tacos for Choice and Book Club. You may also be asked to take a leadership role within the board.

Annual Events:

CHOICE DESSERTS – *Choice Desserts is generally held on or around the anniversary of Roe v Wade (January 22nd) and brings supporters of The WIN Fund and the community together to celebrate reproductive freedom. The event has donated desserts, a silent auction & a family friendly program. This event is the largest event held by the WIN Fund.*

BOWL-A-THON – *This event is held in April each year. We partner with NNAF and utilize their fundraising website and support services to solicit online donations. The event is an informal event with a relaxed atmosphere. Prizes are awarded for best team name, best costume, most money raised and trivia contest winner.*

TACOS FOR CHOICE – *At the end of summer, we join the national Taco or Beer Challenge in eating tacos, drinking beer and raising funds for the WIN Fund.*

BOOK CLUB – *Through book club we work to break down stigma by talking about abortion. Throughout the year we read and discuss books about abortion, reproductive justice, and more.*

Please answer the questions below. Feel free to email the ND WIN Fund at info@ndwinfund.org with any questions.

Name:
Address:
City / State / Zip Code:
Phone Number:
E-Mail:
Best Way to Contact:

Please tell us why you are interested in becoming a ND WIN Abortion Access Fund Board Member. Have you had any current or past involvement with the Fund?

Please help us understand your position on abortion and related reproductive healthcare. Please tell us about any life experiences that you would bring as a board member. *(Life experiences including, but not limited to: identities, formal or informal community organizing; community connections; anti-racism training, parenting, abortions, or other reproductive health and social justice experiences)

Have you served before on a non-profit Board of Directors or in another leadership capacity? What did you find most rewarding about the experience? What did you find most challenging?

The ND WIN Abortion Access Fund board is an all-volunteer board. What is a realistic amount of time and energy that you can dedicate to board service? What other things do you dedicate your time to?

Are there any interests or skills you have that you could bring with you in your role as an ND WIN Abortion Access Fund Board Leader? Check all that apply.

_____ Advocacy

_____ Strategic Planning

_____ Finance

_____ NNAF Summit

_____ Governance/Bylaws

_____ Event Planning

_____ Nominating Task Force

_____ Social Media

Other: _____

What else would you like us to know about you & your application to the board?

The WIN Fund is committed to removing barriers to women's participation in social activism. **Please indicate any barriers you may experience in your effort to participate on the Board of The WIN Fund.**

Childcare _____

Transportation _____

Other _____

We are interested in learning about your passions, struggles, and skills.
Thank you for your time in filling out this application.