



The board of directors of Local First Lexington (LFL) will have **4-5** board seats open for election in March 2019. This is a working board, requiring a time commitment of 6-8 hours per month. Those members elected to the board will have opportunities to become intimately involved in the decisions that shape the direction of LFL. Board duties include:

- Focusing on policies that will guide Local First Lexington's operational decisions, membership growth, planning, budgeting, and strategic direction.
- Ownership and responsibility for ensuring specific goals agreed on at the annual board retreat are accomplished.
- Setting an individual fundraising goal to meet each year. The board member's goal amount can be accomplished in a variety of ways: recruiting new members, recruiting sponsors, personal donations, etc.
- Volunteering to represent LFL and share materials at community events.
- Performing specific tasks as determined by your role on the board.

We highly prefer applicants to be members of LFL for at least one year and have demonstrated involvement in the organization. If an applicant's business or nonprofit organization is eligible for membership in LFL, we expect LFL membership at the time of our election. The time commitment for board members includes 90 minute in-person meetings every quarter, a 6-hour strategic planning session (in April), meeting preparation, and active leadership/responsibility for at least one committee/goal. Overall monthly time commitment to LFL is estimated to be about 6-8 hours a month for board work and meetings (does not include your involvement with the organization as an individual member). Meeting times and days may vary, but they are announced well in advance. Board terms are for 2 years.

A slate of candidates will be prepared by the nominating committee based on applicants' responses and diverse representation on the board of skills, business type, size, and location to ensure that all LFL members are represented. Important dates to remember in the board application process:

Wed. 3/13/2019, 5:30pm – Potential board member reception at Portofino

Mon. 3/18/19, 5pm – board applications due (email to info@localfirstlexington.com)

Tues. 3/19/19 – **Applicants** notified of inclusion in elections, bios will be published in LFL e-newsletter

Wed. 3/20/19 – Fri. 3/29/18 – Online elections held for new board members

Mon. 4/1/19 – New Board Members announced and notified

April Date TBD, 11am-5pm - **Elected board members** will attend the 2019 board retreat. (Location TBD)

May Date TBD - **Elected board members** attend their 1st regular board meeting

Please put these dates on your calendar. Once again on behalf of the board of LFL and myself, thank you for your continued support and interest. And thank you for your participation in LFL.

Sincerely,

Lauralee Estill
President



Local First Lexington 2019 Board Expression of Interest Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the 2019-2020 Local First Lexington Board of Directors. You will have the opportunity to make decisions, provide leadership and action, implement specific goals, and influence the direction of LFL. You will be expected to attend every quarterly board meeting and to volunteer approximately 6-8 hours per month. Forms will be reviewed by the nominating committee to develop the official slate for the 2019 Annual Election.

Candidate Information

Name:

Business (or Nonprofit Organization) Name:

Business Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

Please answer the following questions.

1. Why do you want to serve?
2. How long have you been a member of LFL and how have you worked to spread the Buy Local message?
3. Are you currently a Board Member or Officer of another organization? (If yes, how long & the position.)
4. Please describe any past or current board or group decision-making experience that you have.
5. What qualities, leadership skills and contributions would you bring to the LFL board?
6. What do you think are the most critical issues for LFL in its next few years?
7. Are you able to commit the necessary time to serve on the board (6 to 8 hours/month)?

If you are approved for the election, we will publish this application along with your bio in the LFL newsletter. Please provide the text you would like to include for your bio and a picture if you like.

Please make a copy and return completed form no later than Monday, March 18, 5pm to info@localfirstlexington.com