Board Director Opportunity

About the Darryl Chappell Foundation

Mission: To empower Afrodescendant artists to achieve their highest potential

Vision: We envision a day where artists work together to have a positive and transformative impact on their local community through art

Founded in 2019, the Darryl Chappell Foundation was established with proceeds from the sale of founder Darryl Chappell's primary residence, reflecting a personal commitment to the transformative power of art. Based in Washington, DC, this 501(c)(3) public charity has awarded $133,000 to 74 artists since its inception.
The Foundation empowers artists through artist-in-residence programs, community art funding, an online Artists Marketplace, a Mentorship Program, Artists Talks, and free seminars for artists. These programs create pathways for Afrodescendant artists to develop their practice, connect with communities, and achieve sustainable creative careers.

Board Director Role

The Darryl Chappell Foundation seeks volunteer board directors who understand that supporting artists requires both strategic oversight and deep commitment to artistic excellence. Volunteer board directors provide governance and guidance that directly enables artist empowerment and positive transformation in communities.

Board service offers the opportunity to join a tight-knit group of professionals passionate about empowering Afrodescendant artists while gaining governance experience in a mission-driven organization. Directors collaborate closely with fellow board members and work alongside the Foundation's network of partner nonprofits, galleries, artists, collectors, and founders to create meaningful opportunities for artist development and transformative community impact.

Core Responsibilities

Strategic Leadership

- Serve as a trusted advisor to the CEO, contributing to strategic direction that prioritizes the artist needs
- Review and approve annual budgets and programmatic changes that affect artist opportunities
- Participate in strategic planning processes that expand the Foundation's capacity to serve artists

Organizational Sustainability and Growth

- Support fundraising efforts through personal giving and donor identification to increase artist funding
- Help recruit board members who bring expertise and networks that benefit artists
- Represent the Foundation at events, articulating the value and impact of supporting Afrodescendant artists

Governance and Oversight

- Ensure fiscal responsibility and regulatory compliance that protects the Foundation's ability to serve artists
- Participate in CEO performance assessment and annual board self-assessment processes
- Serve on board committees where expertise can advance artist-focused initiatives

Mission Awareness

- Maintain deep knowledge of Foundation programs and their outcomes for artists
- Collaborate with the CEO and the Foundation team to ensure board decisions align with operational needs and artist empowerment goals
- Assess and approve new initiatives that create meaningful opportunities for artists

Commitment

Board directors serve **two-year terms** and are eligible for additional terms based on board approval. Board directors are expected to:

- Attend and actively participate in three regular board meetings per year (90 minutes each) and one annual meeting (4 hours)
- Review board materials before meetings to ensure informed decision-making

- Provide financial support to the Foundation and assist in identifying additional donors
- Respond promptly to Foundation matters requiring board input
- Maintain current knowledge of all key Foundation activities and their impact on artists
- Understand regulatory requirements and fiduciary responsibilities of nonprofit board service

Qualifications
The Foundation seeks board members who bring:

- Commitment to empowering Afrodescendant artists and understanding of the challenges artists face
- Professional expertise that supports the Foundation's work and artist-focused programming
- Networks and relationships that can expand the resources available to the Foundation
- Experience with nonprofit governance or willingness to develop this knowledge
- Ability to work collaboratively in service of the Foundation's mission

Board directors with backgrounds in development/fundraising, technology, curators, gallerists, and collectors are in demand at present.

Impact
Board directors play a direct role in creating opportunities for artists to develop their practice, build sustainable careers, and contribute to community transformation. Since 2019, the Foundation's strategic approach has resulted in meaningful support for 74 artists. Board oversight and guidance enable this impact to grow while maintaining focus on artist empowerment and excellence.

Interested in joining the Board of Directors?
Submit a brief email expressing your interest in the board director role, along with your CV or a brief bio to darryl@darrylchappellfoundation.org