

Independence Public Media Foundation New Board Member Application Form

Thank you for your interest in joining the IPMF board. Please fill out the following form to provide us with information about your background, skills, and motivation for serving on our board.

Before you begin, please note the following:

- **Submission Deadline:** Friday, June 14, 2024
- **Optional Questions:** All questions on the application are required, except for the last two which are noted as “**(Optional)**.”
- **Board Search Open Call Overview:** Please read the overview of board member expectations, the timeline, and the process on our website [here](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please contact us at board@independencemedia.org. We look forward to reviewing your application and potentially welcoming you to our board.

Instructions:

- Read the [overview of our Board Open Call](#).
- Fill out the form with your information.
- Ensure all required questions are completed.
- Submit the form so that it is received by Friday, June 14, 2024.
- For any questions or additional information, contact us at board@independencemedia.org

Thank you for your interest in IPMF. For more information about our organization, please visit our website <https://www.independencemedia.org/>

IPMF Vision and Mission

Our Vision

We see a future where media accurately represents the diverse, complex lived experiences and imaginations of Black, Indigenous, people of color, and other communities harmed by systems of oppression and media erasure. We envision a local media ecosystem fueled by communities who produce and distribute their own media narratives. In this ecosystem, media technologies advance social justice movements and people over profit. We imagine a world where media are tools of liberation, joy, memory, and accountability.

Our Mission

We at IPMF are moving resources within the Philadelphia region toward community-owned media and internet, and catalyzing movements for justice through narratives that educate, inspire, and encourage action toward a more liberatory future.

Contact Information

- Full Name:
- County and State of Residence:
- Phone Number:
- Email Address:

Motivation and Interest

Tell us why you are interested in joining the board. Please share your motivation and interest in IPMF.

Community-Centered Media

Describe what interests you about community-centered media. If there are particular kinds of community media making (filmmaking, movement media, community history projects, journalism, digital equity, etc.) that you have experience with or that particularly interest you, please tell us about that.

Skills and Experience

Tell us about any skills and experience you can bring to the board and how they will contribute to the success of IPMF.

Availability and Commitment

Describe your availability and capacity to commit time to board meetings, committee work, and other board responsibilities.

- The board meets four times a year for half day meetings

- Each board member participates actively in one or two board + staff collaborative committees (we call them “Teams”), which tend to meet virtually (not in-person) monthly or every other month, depending on the team, and often require some participation (1-2 hours) between meetings.
- Board members are welcome and encouraged to attend community events

For further information on board member expectations, please see the "[Board Member Basics](#)" section in the overview of our Open Call

Board Experience

If you have any experience serving on a board, please briefly describe it.

You will not be penalized for not having any board experience.

Teams

We have board + staff collaborative committees (we call them “teams”): Learning, Governance, and Investments. Tell us which of those interests you and why.

References

Please provide contact information for 2 or more references who can speak to your skills and character.

Other (Optional)

Is there anything else about your background, life experiences, or questions you may have that you would like to share with us?

You also have the option to email your resume or other materials, such as an interview or profile of you, if you would like to share additional information with us. You are not required to send anything, and it will not hurt your chances if you choose not to, nor should it hinder you from applying.

Please send materials to board@independencemedia.org with the subject line : [Your Name] Board Search.

Feedback (Optional)

Please provide any feedback you have on the application process.

Thank you for your interest in joining the board of IPMF. Your application will be carefully reviewed, and we appreciate the time and effort you have put into applying.

How To Return the Application To Us:

1. **Online Application:** Fill out the form by clicking [here](#)
2. **Email Application:** Print out this document, fill it out, and email a scanned copy to board@independencemedia.org. Long answers may be written or typed on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.
3. **Mail-in Application:** Print out this document, fill it out, and mail it to:

Independence Public Media Foundation
1800 JFK Blvd, Ste 300
PMB 95002
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Long answers may be written or typed on a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Application must be received by June 14.