



Wild Montana's Shining Mountains Chapter supports Wild Montana's mission, uniting and mobilizing communities to keep Montana wild, by providing community outreach and education that inspire people in Missoula, Ravalli, Granite, and Powell Counties to protect wild public lands and waters in the western section of the state, including the Great Burn the Seeley-Swan Valley, the Bitterroots, and Sapphires.

Criteria and Desired Skills for Shining Mountains Board of Directors

In support of the Wild Montana Board of Directors, our chapter board of directors has a complementary role in meeting the goals and expectations of Wild Montana, our chapter members, organizations with which we interact, and the public. Additionally, as primary stakeholders in our chapter, our board members wish to enhance our chapter's contribution to the success of Wild Montana's mission and strategic plans.

The goal of recruiting members to serve on Shining Mountains Board of Directors is to build a team. To build such a team, is to convene the ideal mix of professional skills, resources, backgrounds and experience, demographics, community connections, and other characteristics.

SMC Board members must be members of Wild Montana.

The following criteria are critical in all potential SMC Board of Directors:

- Passion for and commitment to the organization's mission of wilderness/wild lands protection
- Understanding of social and policy issues around public lands
- Understanding of Montanan communities and the state's political context
- Proven leadership skills/motivator
- Experienced in strategic planning and the ability to take big-picture perspective
- Previous nonprofit board experience
- Extensive personal and/or professional networks

More specialized skills are also needed in individuals serving on SMC's Board of Director, these are:

- Administration/Management
- Financial oversight
- Investment management
- Communications and Public Relations
- Legal knowledge
- Fundraising expertise
- Extensive personal and professional networks
- Access to other resources (foundations, corporate support)
- Corporate and/or small business connections
- Geographic representation



Application for Nomination Shining Mountains Chapter Board of Directors

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

Occupation: _____

Are you currently a member of Wild Montana? Yes No

YOUR BACKGROUND: Please attach a current resume to your application, and complete the following 2 pages:

What skills could you contribute to our board? (Please check)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy/Legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership recruitment and retention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain): | |

What other nonprofits and boards have you served?



Please list any charitable, community or wilderness activities and organizations in which you have been involved:

YOUR AVAILABILITY TO SERVE:

- Could you regularly attend monthly board meetings? yes no
- Could you actively participate in chapter activities and events? yes no
- Would you contribute financial support to Wild Montana? yes no
- Would you participate in raising funds? yes no
- Would you participate in recruiting new members for Wild Montana? yes no
- Would you attend an orientation for new board members? yes no
- Would you commit to reading the orientation information? yes no
- Would you commit to serving in a leadership position (committee chair, officer, chapter representative) during your board service? yes no

My personal goals to help this Wild Montana chapter meet its goals are:

What activities would you be most interested in doing?

Some ideas:

- Special Events
- Membership Recruitment and Retention
- Board Officer (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Chapter Rep)
- Committees (Governance, Finance, Events, Advocacy, Scholarship, Membership)
- Other:
- Fundraising – Asking donors directly
- Chapter Newsletter
- Leading Wilderness Walks
- Public Outreach (Tabling at Farmers Markets or other public events)
