

## Women Grocers of America Seeking Applicants for Honorary Board Members

Seeking applications now until positions are filled

[Women Grocers of America \(WGA\)](#) is a professional network designed for women working in the grocery industry. Its mission is inspiring and empowering women of the independent grocery industry through personal and professional development, cultivating connections and highlighting accomplishments and achievements.

It operates several initiatives to achieve this mission including Executive Female Leaders Network (EXFL), Emerging Female Leaders Share Group (EFL). It also offers recognition and scholarship opportunities including the Woman of the Year Award, scholarships for the Executive Leadership Development Program and for college students.

Its [Executive Committee & Board of Directors](#) works to oversee these initiatives consisting of 9 members with professional experience spanning the grocery industry. These positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and six board members.

WGA is currently looking to add a maximum of **four (4) additional honorary members** of the board of directors to be served by female university students. Students will serve a one-year term with overlapping terms. Two students will be selected in June of each year and serve through the end of the following school year, and two students will be selected in September of each year and serve through the following September. Students should be junior or seniors at the time they are selected to serve the one year term. If they are juniors, they may chose to reapply for a second year. Each student can serve no more than two terms. Selected students will serve as non-voting board members but will assist the board in several ways while gaining professional experience, industry insight, and leadership opportunities.

### Eligibility

In order to be considered for the position, students must:

- Be an individual identifying as female
- Have junior or senior level status in an industry related field of study at the time of selection (June or September each year)
- Not have served more than two years previously in the position

### Responsibilities

Students who are selected will be expected to:

- Attend monthly board meetings. Each meeting is typically 60 minutes
- Take notes during the monthly board meetings and returning these to the WGA secretary within one week following meeting.
- Participate in additional opportunities on a volunteer basis. These may include planning for the NGA Show, education opportunities, monthly Lunch & Learn webinar series, focus groups, and others.

In order to apply, complete the attached application, include your resume, and 1 letter of recommendation from a school advisor. Submit to [nga-foundation@nationalgrocers.org](mailto:nga-foundation@nationalgrocers.org)

## Honorary Board Member Application Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Level of schooling: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in starting term (Check all that apply):

June 2023    September 2023    June 2024    September 2024

Please complete a brief statement as to why you would like to be a honorary board member of WGA:

What makes our mission meaningful to you?

What are your prior leadership experiences or member participation in service clubs, social clubs, professional associations, fraternal organizations, etc. ?

What are your expectations from the current serving board members to be successful in this position?

Faculty Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Advisor Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form, your resume and 1 letter of recommendation to:

**[nga-foundation@nationalgrocers.org](mailto:nga-foundation@nationalgrocers.org)**