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Howard County Library System Board of Trustees Invites Applications for Board Positions Representing Districts 1 & 4

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(Ellicott City, MD) – Howard County Library System's (HCLS) Board of Trustees invites county residents to apply for two Board vacancies representing Districts 1 and 4.

HCLS' Board of Trustees establishes policies, approves budgets, and ensures that HCLS fulfills its mission of being the place to learn, grow and connect.

Trustees, who serve in a voluntary capacity, are appointed to five-year terms, and may be reappointed for a consecutive term. Selection criteria include a candidate's:

- An understanding of, and appreciation for, Howard County Library System's commitment to its values of community, learning, equity, intellectual freedom, and teamwork.
- A commitment to Maryland's Freedom to Read Act and people's right to decide for themselves what they view, listen to, or read.
- A passion and commitment to maintaining and expanding HCLS' local, regional, state, and national reputation for innovation and achievement.
- A commitment to equitable education, policies, access, and accurate, unbiased information.
- Previous board, organizational, or lived experience; strategic vision; experience in business, finance, advocacy, and board governance; and a history of community commitment and involvement.

While Trustees should be available for a 7 pm meeting scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, the HCLS Board typically meets five times per year.

These are two positions, one representing District 1 and the other representing District 4, meaning that candidates should reside in either Howard County's first or fourth District.

Following an interview process, the HCLS Board forwards its recommendations to the County Executive, who appoints Trustees subject to County Council approval.

Please submit a completed application, along with a resume, by **Thursday, April 17, 2025** to:

HCLS Board of Trustees Nominating Committee
c/o Stephanie Shane, Executive Assistant
Howard County Library System
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Ellicott City, MD 21042
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Application available at http://hclibrary.org/about-us/library-board-of-trustees/about-board-of-trustees/.

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