



## Declaration of Candidacy

Complete and return this form, along with the following  
Nomination Questionnaire, to the address listed below by *April 14, 2020*.

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Title \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Union \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit application to:** *Credit Union Association of the Dakotas*  
*Attn: Lori Welder, Executive Director*  
*2005 N. Kavaney Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501*

*Direct 701-250-3968 | Fax 701-250-3969 | [lwelder@cuad.coop](mailto:lwelder@cuad.coop)*

**Deadline:** *5:00 PM CST – Tuesday, April 14, 2020*



## Declaration of Candidacy

The Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas (Foundation) Board selection is based on the information contained in this Declaration of Candidacy. Please read attached Trustee Agreement prior to submitting this application.

**Baselines:** The following baselines will be used in qualifying candidates:

- How will the candidate contribute to the ultimate achievement of the Foundation?
- What specific skills or experience does the candidate bring (fundraising, program/grants, contacts) that enhance their ability to support the Foundation?

**Diversity:** The Foundation Board is committed to developing diversity on its board regionally and by credit union asset size, while maintaining the ultimate goal of securing excellent, committed candidates.

**Leadership:** The Foundation Board is committed to the development of new leadership and strengthening of existing alliances among different sectors and business partners of the credit union system. Membership on the Foundation Board is an opportunity to deepen and expand one's leadership.

**Criteria:** The information requested on the following pages will be used to determine a candidate's strength and eligibility for a seat on the Foundation Board.



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Please provide as much information as possible in each area. Use additional pages if necessary:

- Explain in 100 words or less why you would like to serve on the Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas Board.
  
- Please list your involvement in the credit union system (chapter, association, committee, council) and/or on charitable (foundations, charities) or non-credit union related organizations (civic, local non-profit cause) committees or boards. Include organization name, position and years served.
  
- Does your board and/or management team support your candidacy and commitment to the Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas Board?

***Nomination form becomes property of Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas and will not be returned.  
All application materials will remain confidential.***



## TRUSTEE STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

### ROLE DESCRIPTION

The role of the Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas (Foundation) Board is to ensure that the Foundation operates effectively in pursuit of its strategic goals, mission, and vision.

I understand that each elected board position is for a three-year renewable term with a term limit of two consecutive terms, or six years.

### MEETING ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION

As a Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas Board member, I will:

- Serve on the Foundation Committees as appointed by the Foundation Chairperson or President.
- Commit a total of 2 days annually for in-person meetings to include one (1) annual board planning session and one (1) annual meeting, representation at special events, as well as conference calls as determined by the Foundation Board.
- If I do not fulfill the aforementioned commitments to the organization, I will expect the board chair and/or president to contact me and discuss my responsibilities, with the understanding that the board may take disciplinary action up to removing me from the Foundation Board.

### GOVERNANCE

As a Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas (Foundation) Board member, I will:

- Remain ethically responsible for the welfare of the Foundation.
- Act in the best interest of the Foundation and excuse myself from business discussions and/or votes when I have a perceived or real conflict of interest.
- Stay informed about policies, programs, and initiatives of the Foundation. I will participate in and take responsibility for making decisions on issues, policies, and other matters.

In turn, the Credit Union Foundation of the Dakotas will be responsible to me as follows:

- I will receive, without request, quarterly financial reports and updates of organizational activities.
- I am encouraged to reach out to the Chairperson or President to discuss programs, goals, and objectives.
- Directors will respond in a straightforward manner to questions I believe are necessary to carry out my fiscal, legal, and moral responsibilities to the Foundation.
- If the organization does not fulfill its commitment to me, I am free to call upon the Chairperson and/or Executive Director to discuss these issues.
- Should personal circumstances warrant, I understand that at any time, I may resign my board position. I will present the resignation to the Foundation Chairperson, Executive Director, or President.