



Leadership through Service as a ServeNebraska Commissioner

WELCOME:

Thank you for your interest in an appointment to serve on the ServeNebraska Commission! Appointments are made by the Governor. Applications are accepted at any time during the year and the Governor makes appointments on an as-needed basis.

ServeNebraska recruits local leaders with strong community connections to pursue our mission to mobilize Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs.

We actively encourage you to contact ServeNebraska Executive Director Cathleen Plager to learn more about the work of our organization and how your skills and talents could help grow our initiatives. Cathy can be reached at cathleen.plager@nebraska.gov or (402) 471-6226.

Please also explore our website at www.serve.nebraska.gov .

To be considered for appointment as a Commissioner, an online application must be submitted to the Governor's office via this link http://www.governor.nebraska.gov/bc/board_comm.html

COMMISSIONER ROLE:

ServeNebraska Commissioners function as a working body and policy setting board. Members are very active and engaged in securing resources, providing direction, promoting civic engagement, and reaching out to Nebraskans as ambassadors of volunteerism and service. The primary areas of focus for Commissioners include:

- ◆ Resource Acquisition
- ◆ Policy & Strategic Direction
- ◆ Public Education & Promotion of Community Service & Volunteerism
- ◆ Mentoring of AmeriCorps or National Service Members

COMMISSIONER EXPECTATIONS:

Expectations for ServeNebraska Commissioners include:

- ◆ Application of professional and personal skills;
- ◆ Attendance at quarterly Commission meetings
(meetings traditionally last from 10:00-3:00)
- ◆ Serve a minimum of one 3-year term;
- ◆ Active participation on at least one committee;
- ◆ Personal financial contribution; and
- ◆ Identification and securing of resources that support ServeNebraska and its programs.

COMMISSION SIZE & COMPOSITION:

The ServeNebraska Commission can consist of up to 25 voting members, some of whom fill specific categories mandated in the Governor's Executive Order that created ServeNebraska or in federal law. There must be an even balance of political party representation.

Required and recommended categories include individuals representing:

- ◆ a community-based agency or organization
- ◆ Indian tribes
- ◆ local government
- ◆ business
- ◆ national service programming
- ◆ organized labor
- ◆ out-of-school or at-risk youth
- ◆ people with disabilities
- ◆ volunteer sector

Additionally, at least one individual with the following attributes or experiences is sought:

- ◆ Commissioner of the Nebraska Department of Education, or designee
- ◆ Individual age 16-25 who is participant or supervisor of service program for youth, or campus-based or national service program
- ◆ Individual with expertise in educational, training & development needs of youth - particularly disadvantaged youth
- ◆ Individual with experience promoting older adult involvement in service or volunteerism
- ◆ Educators, including those with institutions of higher education agencies
- ◆ Experts in delivery of human services, environmental, education or public safety services

Thank You for Your Interest