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MAEOE Board of Directors Application

Thank you for your interest in serving on the MAEOE Board of Directors.
Some of the information you provide will be used for the online MAEOE ballot.

Please submit completed application, resume, headshot, and a 2 minute video (mp4) introducing yourself to MAEOE members using the submission form on the maeoe.com homepage.

Name Aja Edwards AEdwards2@dzs.org

Address Detroit Zoo City _____ Zip _____

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Employer Education Coordinator

Employer address _____ City _____

Current Job Title _____

Are you currently a member of MAEOE? Yes No Number of Years 1

Character of the community in which you reside: Rural Suburban Urban

Character of the community in which you work: Rural Suburban Urban

In which geographic area of the state do you live in (select one):

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| Western U.P. <input type="radio"/> | Eastern U. P. <input type="radio"/> |
| NE-Lower Peninsula <input type="radio"/> | SE- Lower Peninsula <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| NW- Lower Peninsula <input type="radio"/> | SW- Lower Peninsula <input type="radio"/> |





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Please rate your skills, experience, expertise, training, and/or background in the following areas, with “1” as the lowest level and “5” as the highest.

Area	Rating	Area	Rating
Sincerity & Passion to the MAEOE mission	5	Non formal Education Field	3
Leadership	4	K-12 Formal Education Field	1
Advocacy	5	Government	2
Availability to commit time to the organization	4	Environmental and/or Outdoor Education Curriculum	3
Marketing/Public Relations	4	Environmental Science	4
Networking/Outreach	5	Grant Writing	1
Fundraising/Sponsorships	4	Legal	1
Organizational Development	3	Finance/Accounting	3
Higher Education	3	Teacher Professional Development	4
Business	3	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion	5

Relevant training/education/certifications not identified on your resume:

Skills you would bring to the MAEOE board:

I have a plethora of leadership skills. I've been on executive board of every organization I've been a part of since I was in elementary school. I am a quick communication, my favorite passtime is checking emails; however I'm adamant about setting boundaries between work and home. I am a team player, I love working together and collaborating. I'm a skilled social media user, current on trends, and have an active social media presence.





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Please describe any past experience you have as a MAEOE volunteer, or serving on another board, or in a leadership position.

I currently am a member of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) committee. I enjoy being a part of a committee that is passionate about diversifying MAEOE. I have a passion for the work JEDI does even outside of the scope of MAEOE. It's important that underserved communities are being represented and thought of when doing environmental and outdoor education. There are so many barriers that most don't have to think of that students and teachers of those communities do and if we can include them, we can, better serve them and continue to do great work towards environmental and outdoor education for all.

Why do you want to serve on the MAEOE board?

I would like to serve on the MAEOE board, because I am full of ideas. I believe MAEOE can reach audiences it hasn't before with a fresh lens of the environmental and outdoor education world. I am fresh out of university, providing me with the connection to student educators, but I've also been working in EE for a year and came out of university with a full-time position with the Detroit Zoo which connects me to more experienced educators. I really want to make a change in the world by influencing and inspiring youth to develop a love for the environment and that often starts with us as educators.

In your opinion, what should be MAEOE's top priority in the coming year?

MAEOE's top priority should be recruiting more classroom educators. As well as creating safe spaces for diversity and a more current social media presence that could inspire young educators to follow.

Please list 2 professional references, their titles and their phone number. One MAEOE past or present board member is encouraged, in addition to a MAEOE member, coworker or volunteer that has worked with you as part of a group project or team.

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