

The Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation ("Foundation") is currently accepting applications for trustees for 2026 appointment.

The Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees is comprised of dedicated volunteers who are recruited from the communities the Stollery Children's Hospital ("Hospital") serves. Being a trustee on the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation board is a rewarding and meaningful volunteer experience. The board strives to fulfill the Foundation's purpose to give every child the best chance to live a long and healthy life.

The role of the Board of Trustees is to assume the overall stewardship of the Foundation by adopting strategic governance practices, overseeing the Foundation's affairs, advising on strategic initiatives, and monitoring and assessing the performance and progress in meeting short and long-term goals. The Board of Trustees is expected to champion the Foundation's cause and its goals in the community and to support the Foundation in soliciting donations for the Stollery Children's Hospital and related children's health initiatives. While the day-to-day operations are led by the Foundation's President & CEO, the board-CEO relationship is a partnership, and the appropriate engagement of the board is both critical and expected.

For more information on the Foundation visit StolleryKids.com.

1. Qualifications

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about the Stollery Children's Hospital, pediatric care, and the future of health care for children. Selected board members will have achieved leadership stature in business, community, government, philanthropy or the non-profit sector. Their accomplishments will allow them to attract other well-qualified, high-performing board members. Previous board participation, board governance experience and/or capital campaign governance oversight are assets.

Board diversity is important, and the Foundation seeks to balance business acumen, geographic location, representation of Indigenous peoples including First Nations, Inuit and Metis, and diverse backgrounds to achieve the Foundation's purpose, vision and mission. Acumen is broken into areas related to expertise, knowledge of industry, areas of diversity and inclusion, and connection to the Hospital and Foundation, including previous volunteer experience.

Specific to the 2026 recruitment process, the Stollery Children's Hospital is seeking candidates that have expertise/experience in one or more of the following areas: fundraising capabilities, community influence, brand marketing and communications strategy, technology and digital strategy, and AI governance. Candidates with previous board experience on a significant capital fundraising campaign would be considered as asset. As per the Foundation bylaws, all trustees must have their primary residence in Alberta.

2. Board structure

The board is comprised of up to 22 voting trustees plus ex-officio members. The board typically recruits two to three trustees each spring to replace retiring or departing trustees in June.

3. Time expectations

Trustees serve a three-year term with the option of one renewal term. Trustees attend quarterly board meetings for 2.5 hours. In addition, each trustee participates in a minimum of two committees. Each committee meets quarterly for 2.5 hours. Prior to each meeting, Trustees typically spend two to three hours preparing and reviewing materials. There are also requests and opportunities for trustees to participate in working groups based on current needs and priorities. All meetings are hosted in Edmonton with priority for in-person attendance. Video conference capabilities are available when in-person is not possible.

In addition to the Board of Trustee meeting schedule, all trustees are requested to participate in a minimum of two fundraising events per year, either as a volunteer or participant. Other expectations are to attend and support government relations and media events, hospital tours and donor engagement activities. It is estimated that a trustee can spend between 300 and 400 hours a year volunteering on the board

4. Giving and fundraising expectations

The Foundation's mission is to raise funds, thank people, advocate for pediatric physical and mental health care and share the difference donations make for excellence at the Stollery Children's Hospital and beyond. As a result, all trustees are required to help raise funds for the Foundation. They can do this in a number of ways such as: attend events, introduce potential new donors, leverage connections and help thank donors. Trustees are expected to make annual meaningful gifts that reflect the Foundation's fundraising priorities.

The Foundation has embarked upon a multi-year one-billion dollar comprehensive fundraising campaign to transform children's health, including a new stand-alone children's hospital in Edmonton. Trustees are expected to support the campaign through introduction and identification of networks and potential donors to support the campaign, and to continue the advocacy to support children's health.

5. Responsibilities

Trustees provide strategic leadership, fiduciary oversight, and active stewardship in support of the Foundation's mission. Board members are expected to attend and prepare for meetings, serve on committees, and maintain a strong understanding of the Foundation's strategy, programs and financial position.

Trustees contribute to setting and overseeing the Foundation's vision, mission and long-term direction, while supporting and evaluating the CEO. They ensure sound governance, risk management, financial accountability, and legal and ethical integrity.

Trustees serve as ambassadors for the Foundation and Hospital, actively supporting fundraising, donor stewardship and community engagement efforts. Trustees are expected to make a personal financial contribution, assist in identifying and cultivating prospective donors, and advance advocacy priorities that support children's health and the Foundation's strategic objectives.

6. Applications

Applications are accepted throughout the year. For those interested in becoming a trustee, submit your letter of intent and résumé by March 30, 2026. A response will be sent before June 30, 2026 during the annual recruitment and selection process.

Shortlisted candidates may be requested to complete a capabilities checklist. This will help in identifying the skills the candidate brings to the board.

Applications can be submitted via email to
trusteeinquiries@stollerykids.com or
connect@mullenleadership.com

Thank you in advance for your interest.