

BOARD SERVICE READINESS QUIZ

While board service can be an extremely rewarding experience and can greatly impact the organization, it may not be the right fit for you at this time of your life. To determine whether board service is right for you right now, answer the following questions:

		Yes/No
1.	I am interested in advancing a cause that I feel passionate about.	
2.	I am curious to delve into and learn about issues facing my community and the world.	
3.	I am interested in a new environment and experience to further develop myself as a leader.	
4.	I am interested in meeting people outside of my usual professional and social circles.	
5.	I understand the roles and responsibilities of being a board member.	
6.	I am comfortable making a personal contribution to the organization.	
7.	I can imagine asking others to contribute financially to a cause that I am passionate about.	
8.	I have enough autonomy in my work schedule to accommodate both board and committee meetings.	
9.	I am patient and collegial when working as a team.	
10.	I can commit the time necessary to be an exceptional board member.	

If you answered more than two questions with a “No,” then you may want to consider other ways to get involved with an organization prior to joining the board, including:

VOLUNTEERING

As a volunteer, you may help serve food to the homeless, do data entry in the office on a regular basis, mentor a student, advocate for environmental causes, or help with a special event. You are directly involved in helping the organization do its work rather than serving in a policy and oversight capacity. If you want a hands-on experience, direct-service volunteering may be your best bet. Want to learn more? Visit [VolunteerMatch](#) to find opportunities in your area.

PRO BONO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Pro bono professional assistance is one of the primary benefits you can offer a nonprofit. Whether you are an attorney, IT expert, or realtor, your free-of-charge services are widely needed in organizations that otherwise would not be able to afford a high level of expertise. Want to learn more? Visit [Taproot](#) and [Catchafire](#) to find opportunities.

SERVING ON ADVISORY GROUPS OR COMMITTEES

Numerous nonprofits form advisory groups to help with fundraising or outreach, supplement the board’s expertise, or provide direct contact with constituents, and many organizations invite non-board members to serve on some board committees. If you are interested in serving on an advisory group or board committee, the process will be the same as looking for a board service opportunity outlined in our [Board Recruitment Center](#).