

# Bridges Teen Leadership Board

## General Board Member Requirements

### 2026-2027

*Please read and review the following carefully before you apply for BTLB to ensure you can fulfill these expectations.*

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- Attendance at all BTLB meetings is expected.** BTLB meetings include General Board Members, Executive Board Members, Presidents, and your Lurie Children's advisor. Meetings will rotate between being held in person and on Zoom.
  - If you are unable to attend a meeting, you must notify the Bridges Presidents at least 24 hours in advance by submitting the absence request form, unless there are extenuating circumstances.
  - All meeting communication will be sent via email and GroupMe. Meeting dates will typically be shared well in advance, and final details will be confirmed at least two weeks prior to each meeting.
- Attend and participate in all BTLB fundraisers** hosted by board members throughout the year. Your involvement is essential to execute successful events leading up to Bridges Dance Marathon.
- Register for Bridges Dance Marathon through DonorDrive** and set your personal fundraising goal to **\$500**. Registration will open prior to the first General Board meeting.
- Raise a minimum of \$500 for Lurie Children's** by the Dance Marathon event through your personal DonorDrive page. Your fundraising supports patients and families at Lurie Children's.
- Attend at least one canning date during the summer.** The Canning Directors can support you in these efforts. There is no limit to canning opportunities, and participation is an efficient way to help reach your \$500 fundraising goal.
- Secure one sponsorship for Bridges Dance Marathon.** Sponsorships may be **in-kind with a minimum value of \$300** (raffle items, incentive items, silent auction items, etc.) or **monetary** (financial donations). Monetary sponsorships count toward your \$500 personal fundraising minimum. For example, if you secure a \$1,000 sponsorship, it will fulfill both your sponsorship requirement and your personal \$500 fundraising goal. Sponsorship opportunities will be shared at the first General Board meeting, and sponsorship fulfillments will be managed by the Sponsorship President.
- Promote BTLB fundraisers to the community.** Members are responsible for marketing events beyond the board to friends, family, and the wider community to ensure their success.
  - This includes sharing events on social media and personally encouraging attendance at events such as dine-to-donate nights, bake sales, car washes, and other fundraisers led by BTLB. Your efforts directly impact the success of each event and the funds raised for Lurie Children's.
- Recruit friends and family to attend Bridges Dance Marathon.** Friends who are not on BTLB are welcome to register and attend. As a board member, helping promote Dance Marathon and other BTLB events is your responsibility, and your outreach contributes to the overall impact and success of the event.
- Bring ideas, energy, and a positive attitude.** Every member plays an important role on BTLB. Share new ideas, creative strategies, and recruitment tactics to help make the year a success. Your initiative and engagement make a difference for both the board and the patients we support.
- Have fun!** BTLB is a unique opportunity to meet new people, grow as a leader, and make a meaningful impact on the patients and families at Lurie Children's.