



COLAGE Seeks Skilled and Passionate Leaders to Join National Board of Directors!

COLAGE (www.colage.org) is the only national, youth-driven network that connects people with a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer (LGBTQ) parent to a community of peers. Growing up knowing that our families are different can make a kid feel confused or conflicted. By connecting with others who share our experience, COLAGE helps us come to the realization that our difference is our strength. With this realization, we become leaders and advocates for the policies that matter most to our families. Based in San Francisco, COLAGE offers an integrated array of local, regional and national programs. With over 10,000 member contacts, a network of chapters across the U.S, and 20 years of expertise in youth empowerment and LGBTQ family matters, COLAGE represents and organizes the millions of people who have one or more LGBTQ parents and families.

The COLAGE Board of Directors is an intergenerational, multi-racial/multi-cultural group of dedicated volunteers that includes youth and adults with LGBTQ parents, LGBTQ parents, and allies from all over the United States. The Board convenes for in-person meetings twice annually in addition to participating in ongoing conference calls and committee meetings. The Board provides crucial guidance and oversight for COLAGE and its programs, performs important fundraising and governance duties, and supports the staff of COLAGE in their ongoing work.

This is your opportunity to join COLAGE's Board of Directors during a very exciting time for the organization! In the second year of implementing our new strategic plan, COLAGE is looking for dynamic, passionate and active leaders to join the Board of Directors and work with the organization to take it to the next level of its development and impact.

To ensure that all organizational decisions and actions are guided by and reflect COLAGE's diverse membership and constituencies, we are currently seeking people who have one or more of the following backgrounds or identities to apply:

- Do you have one or more transgender parent(s) and/or identify as trans?
- Are you a person of color and active in communities of color?

- Are you from/Do you reside in the Deep South, Southwest, Southeast, Midwest, or a rural area of the U.S.? Or from the cities of NYC, Boston, DC, Los Angeles, & Chicago, Detroit or Seattle?
- Are you male-identified?
- Are you between the ages of 15 and 17?

COLAGE especially seeks dedicated board members with skills and experience in:

- public relations, marketing, media communications, and e-communications;
- financial management, investment & oversight or non-profit accounting;
- non-profit fundraising
- policy development and advocacy
- human resources management experience

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Uphold COLAGE's mission, vision, values, and methodology
- Volunteer average of 10-20 hours per month (some months more, some less)
- Attend in-person all-board meetings twice per year. Spring meeting is in SF Bay Area, Fall meeting location rotates. (Next SPRING meeting will be held during the weekend of MARCH 19-21, 2010.)
- Participate in all-board conference calls every 6 weeks
- Actively participate on at least one board committee, including monthly calls
- Make a personally significant annual financial contribution to the organization and actively participate in fundraising
- Be an ambassador for COLAGE and LGBTQ families (including being 'out' about your family) in your community

APPLICATIONS DUE: Monday, January 25th, 2010

TO APPLY:

Please submit completed COLAGE Board Application Form to COLAGE Board Development Committee via nominations@colage.org

Find Application Form here - <http://www.colage.org/about/board.htm>

When your application is received, you will be notified and may be asked to participate in an interview with one of our current Board members or Executive Director.

QUESTIONS?

Email our Board Development Committee at nominations@colage.org or contact Beth Teper, Executive Director at 415-861-5437 or director@colage.org.

Thank you!