



CASA of Santa Cruz County

Board Member Application

Fall 2026 Recruitment

CASA welcomes candidates who bring different experiences, perspectives, relationships, and skills. You do not need to meet every current recruitment priority to apply.

Contact Information

Name

Preferred email

Preferred phone

City of residence

Current role / occupation

Organization / employer, if applicable

Interest in CASA

1. What interests you about serving on the CASA of Santa Cruz County Board, and what about CASA's mission is meaningful to you?

2. Please tell us about experiences—professional, community, volunteer, personal, or lived experience—that you believe would help you contribute to CASA's Board.

3. What perspectives, skills, relationships, or experiences would you hope to contribute to the CASA Board?

Background, Experience & Training

National CASA/GAL standards require prospective governing Board member applications to include educational background, training, employment history, and experience working with children.

Education / degree or credential

School / institution and year

Relevant training / certification

Organization and year

Current or most recent employment

Role and dates

Previous employment or professional experience

Role and dates

Experience working with children or youth, if any (professional, volunteer, caregiving, mentoring, coaching, education, or other):

Current Recruitment Priorities & Other Experience

Check any that apply. None is required, and you do not need to meet every current Board need.

☐ I am applying in part as a person who has lived experience of being under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court system, including: Dependency Court, Juvenile Justice Court or Truancy Court

☐ Fund development / fundraising / donor stewardship

☐ Finance / accounting — CPA

☐ Other financial expertise

☐ Community relationships / leadership

☐ Nonprofit governance / leadership

☐ Strategic planning / organizational leadership

☐ Communications / outreach / events

☐ Other experience or perspective

Please add any context you would like us to consider about the experience or perspective checked above:

Board Commitment

- ☐ I have reviewed the Board Member Job Description and Board Member Time Commitments and understand the expectations for Board meetings and preparation, committee service, the annual retreat, Board learning, fundraising/community engagement, and follow-through on Board commitments.
- ☐ I understand that Board members are expected to make a personally meaningful gift to CASA; there is no minimum gift requirement.
- ☐ I understand that Board members participate in fundraising and community engagement in ways that draw on their strengths, relationships, and networks.

Is there any part of the time commitment or Board expectations you would like to discuss?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes

References

Please provide three references who are not related to you and who can speak to your qualifications, judgment, reliability, or potential contribution as a CASA Board member.

Reference 1

Name	Relationship
Email	Phone

Reference 2

Name	Relationship
Email	Phone

Reference 3

Name	Relationship
Email	Phone

Conflict of Interest

Are you aware of any personal, professional, financial, or organizational relationship that could create or appear to create a significant conflict of interest in serving on CASA's Board?

☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please briefly explain:

Screening & Background Check Notice

CASA of Santa Cruz County screens prospective governing Board members in accordance with National CASA/GAL standards. Candidates who move forward must provide written authorization and the information needed for required background checks before Board service begins.

Required checks include:

- Identity/Social Security verification
- Criminal records in the court jurisdiction(s) where the candidate resides and works
- State criminal records
- FBI or other national criminal database
- National Sex Offender Registry
- Child abuse registry or child protective services check, where permissible by law

Screening must be completed before acceptance. Record checks are repeated at least every four years for active Board members unless an approved Rap Back service is used. Written authorization will be obtained separately.

Applicant Acknowledgment

By signing below, I confirm that the information in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the selection process includes application review, three or more unrelated references, a personal interview, and required screening/background checks.

Applicant signature

Date

Printed name

Preferred contact method

**Please submit this completed application and a current résumé by September 30, 2026
to Humanresource@casaofsantacruz.org.**