



## **MN Ag in the Classroom Foundation**

**Wanted:** MAITC Foundation Board of Directors members  
**Term:** Two year term starting September 2009 and ending September 2011  
Terms are renewable up to three terms.

### **Overview:**

#### ***Mission***

The Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom program shall promote understanding and awareness of the importance of agriculture.

#### ***Vision***

#### **Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation Goals**

- Secure program fiscal contributors for general operating needs, programs and special projects;
- Starting first in the classroom, provide leadership and broad-based advocacy for education about agriculture;
- Support and assist educators in the task of helping young people and others develop an understanding and awareness of the importance of agriculture;
- Provide learners with a foundation for becoming “conversationally literate” of agriculture in Minnesota, the nation and world;
- Provide leadership, coordination and collaboration for PreK-16+ learners by developing and marketing agriculture-related educational materials, programs and teacher training opportunities;
- Provide quantifiable and qualitative evaluation of goals and educational materials and programs; identify and implement such instruments and disseminate results as needed and appropriate;
- Continue as a respected public/private partnership and maintain non-profit, 501(c)(3) education status for the program.

### **Essential Functions:**

#### ***General expectations***

- Know the organization mission, purpose, goals, policies, programs, strengths and needs;
- Serve in leadership positions and undertake special assignments willingly when asked;
- Participate in fundraising activities;
- Suggest nominees for the board;
- Bring a sense of humor to the board’s deliberations;

### ***Meetings***

- Attend *all* quarterly meetings (typically, September, December, March and June);
  - Meeting dates and times are determined collectively by the board of directors.
- Ask timely and substantive questions while supporting the majority decision;
- Suggest agenda items periodically for board and committee meetings to ensure that significant policy related matters are addressed.

### **Desired requirements:**

- Understanding of the current diverse agricultural industry;
- Passion for promoting agricultural literacy.

### **Process:**

- Interested parties should send a letter of interest to the foundation describing their qualifications to serve on the MAITC Foundation Board of Directors *by September 1*;
- Candidates will be reviewed by current board members;
- Candidates added to the nominations slate will be notified by September 12.
- At the annual meeting, the nomination slate will be voted on and ratified.
  - Annual meeting will be held the week of September 15.

For more information about Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation  
visit us on our website at:  
[www.maitcfoundation.org](http://www.maitcfoundation.org).

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