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Dear Potential Board Member,

Access for Special Kids (ASK) Resource Center, Inc. is recruiting qualified individuals to fill open Board of Directors positions. A copy of the ASK Board of Directors Member Position Description document providing detailed information about the responsibilities of the board members is attached. A board member application is also attached.

The ASK Board of Directors represents the entire state of Iowa and is comprised of parents and primary care givers of persons with disabilities as well as persons with disabilities themselves. ASK is currently seeking to fill up to five board member openings in the following areas:

1. Parents/primary caregivers of a child with a disability that is under 3 years of age.
2. Persons with disabilities under the age of 26 and/or parents/primary caregivers of persons with disabilities under the age of 26 who represent culturally and ethnically diverse backgrounds.
3. Persons with disabilities under the age of 26 and/or parents/primary caregivers of persons with disabilities under the age of 26 who live in the Northeastern, Northwestern and Southwestern quadrants of Iowa.
4. Special Educators and/or general educators who are also persons with a disability under the age of 26 and/or parents/primary caregivers of persons with a disability under the age of 26.

When possible, board member positions are filled by people who fit the needed categories and also have expertise in one or more of the following areas: law, accounting, education, special education, rehabilitation, early childhood services, marketing, fundraising, grant writing, and/or public administration/policy. While having board members with experience in these areas is beneficial to ASK, it is not absolutely required. If you have a passion to serve and learn, and are a parent or primary caregiver of a person with a disability under the age of 26 and/or are an individual with a disability, please consider applying regardless of your other experience.

Board members are expected to attend in-person board meetings up to two times each year and to attend conference call board meetings up to four times each year. Each board member is also expected to serve on at least one committee. Committees meet by teleconference once per month for about one hour. Board members make certain that the overall business process is productive and aligns with ASK's vision, mission and values. The board also ensures that fundraising activities provide the necessary funding for the organization. Experience, passion, and willingness in board governance and fundraising are needed.

For more information about ASK, please visit our website at www.askresource.org. Questions regarding the available opportunities at ASK should be directed to Karen Thompson, Executive Director, by phone at (800) 450-8667 or via e-mail at karen@askresource.org.

Sincerely,

Lisa Arechavaleta, J.D.
President, ASK Board of Directors