



Board of Directors

Member Role & Responsibilities

About Break Away: Through training and immersive service experiences, Break Away equips individuals to create positive change in and with their communities. We train, assist, and connect campuses and communities in promoting quality alternative break programs that inspire lifelong active citizenship, helping individuals learn how - and why - to make the community a priority in their values and choices. For more information, visit: www.alternativebreaks.org.

This is an exciting time in the life of the 30-year old national nonprofit organization, as we are assessing our current focus areas and identifying the future of the organization. Decisions made during this period have the potential to significantly change the impact and trajectory of the organization. We are seeking Board Members that aim to be actively engaged in this process and are excited about the possibility of using their skills and experiences to guide the organization in a strategic direction.

Board Responsibilities: The Break Away Board of Directors is responsible for the direction, oversight and resources of the organization. As a group, we ensure the organization remains committed to our mission, set policies for the health of the organization, and support financial health.

Each Board Member commits to:

- Serve as an ambassador of Break Away by communicating the organization's work and values to the community and their networks
- Stay informed about the work of the organization
- Make a personal contribution to Break Away each year and contribute or raise at least \$1,000 annually
- Participate in fundraising on behalf of the organization, including campaigns like Giving Tuesday
- Dedicate approximately 4-5 hours/month to Break Away Board activities
- Maintain active participation and leadership on Board, including leading WIN Teams/Committees, serving as a Board Officer, volunteering for tasks, offer connections, etc.
- Attend and actively participate in six meetings a year, including two in-person meetings (Board members cover their own travel expenses)
- Regularly reflect and assess their own participation and contributions

What We're Looking For: Board members who are passionate about the mission and approach of Break Away and serve as advocates and ambassadors for the organization. We represent a variety of personal and professional backgrounds, and are based throughout the country. We take a collaborative, open-minded approach to strategic planning and problem solving. At this time, we're focusing our recruitment on individuals with the following background and experience but would love to hear from you, even if your skills don't fit within this list. **Areas marked with * are critical priorities for recruitment at this time:**

- Accounting/Finance*
- Previous Alternative Breaks Experience*
- Fundraising
- Nonprofit Management/Leadership
- Legal
- Higher Education and/or Service Learning
- Social & Racial Justice
- Volunteer & Civic Engagement

Interested? Email Board Vice Chair, [Scott Stewart](mailto:Scott.Stewart@alternativebreaks.org) with any questions. If you want to apply, please submit your resume and a letter of interest directly to board.recruitment@alternativebreaks.org. Priority will be given to applicants that submit their information by September 30, 2021. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Break Away is committed to building a diverse organization dedicated to our core values of inclusion and justice.