



TRUSTEE APPLICATION

Submitted for consideration at the Business Conference in \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year

I am applying for a position on the Board of Trustees of Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. as:

Trustee for Region \_\_\_\_\_  General Service Trustee

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Years in OA \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years of service beyond the group level \_\_\_\_\_

Date continuous abstinence began \_\_\_\_\_ Date maintenance began \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the qualifications for Region/General Service Trustee, which are reproduced from the Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, on the last page of this form. As a candidate for a position on the Board of Trustees, my signature affirms adherence to those qualifications.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate Date

REQUIRED FOR REGION TRUSTEE NOMINEES:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Region Officer Title Date  
(Chair, Secretary, etc.)

REQUIRED FOR GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEE NOMINEES ONLY: Per Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 5 – Nomination of Trustees, Part c) (1) All applicants for open position(s) of general service trustee must submit their resume to the Board of Trustees ninety days prior to the annual Conference. Such resumes must be affirmed by a majority vote of the applicant’s intergroup/service board or a region in which the applicant has recently served, or a majority vote of the Board of Trustees if the applicant is a sitting trustee. (2) The Board of Trustees, acting as a nominating committee, shall submit a list of nominees for the open position(s), with copies of the nominees’ resumes, to all Conference delegates at least forty-five days prior to the Conference.

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Signature of Nominee’s Region or IG/SB Title Date  
Officer or Chair of the BOT  
(Verifies that candidate’s enclosed resume was affirmed by majority vote as explained in Section reproduced above.)

IMPORTANT

Type or print in black ink only. This application must be sent to the World Service Office by the deadline established by Conference or by the Board of Trustees in the case of trustee appointments. The application must have original signatures by the applicant and the appropriate officers.

You may send by certified mail, return receipt requested to:

Overeaters Anonymous WSO • 6075 Zenith Court NE • Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87144 USA.

You may also fax the form to 505-891-4320, or email it to info@oa.org. Receipt of electronic applications will be acknowledged by the WSO. Do not write beyond the margins. Enter all information on this form. Attachments will not be reproduced for circulation to the delegates.

Additional copies of this form may be requested from the World Service Office or downloaded from https://oa.org/groupsservice-bodies/world-service/board-of-trustees/.

Summary of my OA service responsibilities:

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I can bring the following business, professional or other experience, and skill to the board:

I would like to be a Region or General Service Trustee for the following reasons:

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Brief account of my OA recovery story – physical, emotional, and spiritual:

## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR TRUSTEES**

### Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 4 – Qualifications

- a) Qualifications for trustee shall be:
  - 1) Seven years in the Fellowship;
  - 2) Five years of service beyond the meeting level;
  - 3) Attendance as a delegate to at least two World Service Business Conferences; and
  - 4) Five years of continuous recovery in Overeaters Anonymous as evidenced by:
    - i) five years of current continuous abstinence;
    - ii) current maintenance of a healthy body weight for at least two years; and
    - iii) emotional and spiritual growth as a result of incorporating into their lives the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as a new way of living.
  
- b) Qualifications for trustee must be met at the time of application for trustee is submitted to the WSO. Specifically, such trustee nominees must also have:
  - 1) Worked through all Twelve Steps;
  - 2) Declared themselves as practicing the Twelve Steps to the best of their ability;
  - 3) Declared themselves as committed to the Twelve Traditions of Overeaters Anonymous; and
  - 4) Affirmed these additional qualifications on their trustee application forms.
  
- c) Upon election, each trustee shall make a commitment of:
  - 1) Adherence to the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of OA Service.
  - 2) Continual recovery, including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight throughout the entire term(s) of office. Each person shall be the judge of his or her recovery including abstinence and maintenance of a healthy body weight.
  - 3) Compliance with all terms and provisions of the prevailing Overeaters Anonymous Inc. Bylaws.

### Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 6 – Election of Trustees

- a) To be eligible for election, each nominee must appear before the delegates at the World Service Business Conference and address the assembled delegates from three to five minutes and answer questions from the floor. No new nominations will be accepted from the floor. No candidate may run for more than one position.

## **SPECIFIC DUTIES OF GENERAL SERVICE TRUSTEES**

### Article IX, Overeaters Anonymous, Inc. Bylaws, Subpart B, Section 2c) Specific Duties

- 3) The general service trustees shall have general authority with respect to the routine conduct of the business affairs of the corporation, including the following specific duties:
  - i) To maintain a World Service Office and to receive and disburse all funds contributed to the World Service Office for the benefit of Overeaters Anonymous as a whole, so that the Fellowship of Overeaters Anonymous need never be organized in any legal or official manner.
  - ii) To receive, manage, control, use, and disburse in such manner as the board may deem advantageous to Overeaters Anonymous, all gifts and contributions, monies and properties of every kind received by the Board of Trustees for Overeaters Anonymous.

The board must decline all outside contributions in accordance with Tradition Seven.

- iii) To have the books of the corporation and any and all affiliated bodies, foundations, and nonprofit corporations audited and to furnish an accounting of all financial transactions at the regular annual meeting of the Conference.
- iv) To submit minutes of the general service trustee meetings to the Board of Trustees.