



## **APPLICATION TO SERVE AS THE DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**

The Anne Arundel County Council is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving as the District 1 representative on the Board of Education for Anne Arundel County for the remainder of a term that ends on December 1, 2024 and until a successor is elected and qualifies. If selected by the County Council to fill the District 1 seat, the individual will need to be a current resident of District 1 and may not be employed by or subject to the authority of the County Board of Education.

A completed application, a current resume, and any additional sheets, must be received in the Office of the County Council by 4:00 p.m. on September 1, 2021.

Application packages may be mailed or hand delivered to:

Office of the County Council  
44 Calvert Street  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Application packages may be sent as a PDF file to: [CouncilAdmin@aacounty.org](mailto:CouncilAdmin@aacounty.org).

Applicants will also need to show proof of filing a Financial Disclosure Form prior to any public interviews by the County Council.

Please call 410-222-1401 with any questions.

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### **I. General Information**

**Full Name:** CAROLYN WILLIAMS

**Any former names used:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_, Linthicum Heights, MD, 21090

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How long have you resided at this address? 8 Months (December 2020-present)

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: N/A

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Work Phone: N/A

May we contact you at work?            YES            NO

Are you a registered voter?            YES            NO

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**II. Background Information**

Have you ever been convicted of, entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeited collateral for any criminal violation other than a minor traffic offense? Minor traffic offenses do not include the offenses of operating under the influence of liquor, operating while impaired, reckless driving or the equivalent offenses in other states.

YES            NO

Have you ever been convicted of any crime that relates in any way to the responsibilities of a member of the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County?

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**YES**      **NO**

Have you ever been convicted of any crime that has not been expunged or otherwise shielded?

**YES**      **NO**

Are you delinquent on any federal, state, or local debt? (Include delinquencies for income, property, or other taxes, governmental loans, overpayment of benefits, required payments into or under governmental programs, and other debts or required payments to the government plus any defaults on or under loans which are or where guaranteed, insured, or subsidized by any unit of government.)

**YES**      **NO**

In the last five years, have you been, or are you presently a party of interest in any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation, including any action regarding a professional license?

**YES**      **NO**

Have you ever been adjudged bankrupt or insolvent?

**YES**      **NO**

Has a complaint of discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, age, or handicap ever been filed against you or against any firm or organization during your affiliation with it?

**YES**      **NO**

If you answered "YES" to any questions above, please explain:

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**III. Additional Information (Please attached additional sheets as needed.)**

1. Please list any professional organizational memberships and positions held in the past 15 years and the length of service for each.

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2. Please describe your community involvement for the past 15 years.

My community involvement was primarily through my time with the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils, the Student Government Associations at my former middle school (Lindale Middle School) and my former high school (Glen Burnie High School), my time as the Student Member on the Board of Education, and my internship with the County Council. With each of the groups, I would attend community events, advocate on behalf of others, and do anything else I could to help those communities.

3. What award or honors have you been most proud to receive?

To the masses, this may not seem like an honor, but for me being named after my grandmother's is by far the greatest honor I've ever received. Two of the strongest women in my life. My father's mother was a tenacious woman. She was never afraid of speaking her mind or voicing her opinion. She stood tall in her decision making and confidence oozed from her being. My mother's mother is full of compassion. Her empathetic demeanor makes her a welcoming person for anyone to vent to. Her gentle approach soothes the worries of others and bring peace and security to even the most intense situations. She is a bundle of joy when you need it most.

Being able to carry the first name of one and the middle name of the other makes me extremely proud. I believe the traits that both women possess are embedded in me. I carry my name with pride.

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4. Please describe three goals you hope to accomplish if you are selected to fill the District 1 seat on the Board of Education for Anne Arundel County.

The three goals that I have while serving on this board are simple:

One: To respect my colleagues on the board, the Superintendent, his faculty, and staff to create an environment that allows us all to best serve the students, faculty, and staff in our county.

Two: To respect the students, faculty, and staff of Anne Arundel County Public Schools by diligently working to understand all perspectives and how I can best advocate for those in need.

Three: To help alleviate the tension between the community that we serve and those in leadership positions to rebuild the trust and support of the constituency.

I ultimately believe that if I can do these things, myself along with my fellow board members and the Superintendent and his staff can create an environment that everyone affiliated with Anne Arundel County Public Schools can thrive in.

5. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County?

I had an amazing experience serving on the board my senior year of high school. I felt like I learned quite a bit and was able to accomplish a great amount in that span of time. However, I have always said that if I had the opportunity to go back and serve again, I would. There has been some amazing work done over the years in the school system, but there is more to be done. I am interested in serving on the Board of Education because of my passion for education and advocacy. I want to continue to do the work required to make a more inclusive environment that gives all our students the ability to succeed as well as our faculty and staff.

6. What do you believe are the most critical issues currently facing Anne Arundel County Public Schools and how will you address these issues?

There are certain things on the board that we know come up every year such as budgeting and negotiations. When handling the budget season and negotiations, it is extremely important to utilize the resources available to the board to garner a better understanding to make the most informed decision. I would be sure to meet with the appropriate people in central office, communicate with those in the community, and do diligent research on my own to have a well-rounded understanding to make the best decision for those that I am serving. Working on a budget or handling negotiations can be daunting, so I believe that it is always appropriate to ask questions for clarity.

Then, there are other critical issues that come up as time goes by. There has been nationwide impact from COVID-19. The board and the school system were able to respond quickly with implementing online learning and finding new and

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innovative ways to virtually engage students in the experience. Even though we have reached a point where we are getting students back in the classroom, there are still precautions that should be taken to ensure the safety of all. I would want to learn more about the ventilation systems in our buildings and the possibility of updating them if it would prove to be beneficial to the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. Also, as we have seen in places around the state and the country, updated cleaning standards have been put in place. I would want to learn more about how some of those standards could be used in the schools such as access to more hand sanitizing stations. Every effort should be taken to keep all our students, faculty, and staff safe and healthy.

7. What is your experience with Anne Arundel County Public Schools?

I was born and raised in Anne Arundel County. I was fortunate enough to have teachers, faculty, and staff that always encouraged me and motivated me to achieve my dreams at every stage. I am a proud graduate of the school system as well as a proud graduate of a magnet program. My passion for advocacy and helping others was nurtured while participating in student government at all levels within the school system. It only grew stronger when I served within the Chesapeake Regional Association of Student Councils and then as the Student Member on the Board. Anne Arundel County Public Schools has played a large role in my dreams to inspire and help others reach their full potential.

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**IV. Certification**

**I CERTIFY that:**

- *This application (and any copy of the same) contains no willful misrepresentation and that the information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*
- *Completion and submission of this application gives the Anne Arundel County Council the authority to submit my name for a criminal records check, including a search of the child abuse registry.*
- *Information on this application, and any documents submitted to be included with this application, will be deemed public records of the Anne Arundel County Council and may be made available to the public. Only information deemed confidential in accordance with applicable federal and state law will be withheld from public disclosure.*
- *I understand that I must be a resident of District 1 in Anne Arundel County in order to serve as the District 1 representative on the Board of Education for Anne Arundel County.*
- *I understand that I may not be employed by or otherwise subject to the authority of the Board of Education for Anne Arundel County in order to serve as a member of the Board of Education for Anne Arundel County.*

*By signing this application, I am consenting to any reasonable inquiry that may be necessary to verify the information I have provided on this form or that I may provide in conjunction with my application.*

**Signature:** *Carolyn Williams*

**Printed Name:** Carolyn Williams

**Date:** 09/01/21

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# CAROLYN WILLIAMS

Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 |

## Education

### ***Bachelor of Science Strategic, Legal, Management Comm Concentration: Legal/ May 2021***

Howard University/ Magna Cum Laude/ Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society Member

## Experience

### ***Howard University Department of Athletics***

*Women's Bowling Volunteer Assistant Coach/ August 2021 - Present*

Assist the Head Coach in any tasks and responsibilities pertaining to the women's bowling team as well as lead the team in off-lane instruction.

### ***Howard University Department of Athletics***

*Media Relations Intern/ October 2018 – April 2021*

Wrote and released season previews, feature stories, and profiles for the women's bowling team. Worked at the press table at home games distributing press badges to media correspondents.

### ***Law Offices of Tara L.C. Murray***

*Legal Intern/ September 2020– January 2021*

Conducted research for potential/pending civil and human rights lawsuits and public advocacy campaigns. Assist with file creation/management for pending police accountability lawsuit. Assisted with communications, including social media planning, and executing and drafting public-facing materials related to lawsuits and advocacy campaigns.

### ***Anne Arundel County Council***

*District 2 Student Intern/ July 2019 – October 2019*

Assisted the District 2 Councilmember and their assistant with any tasks and responsibilities. Researched and took notes for projects that District 2 was working on.

### ***Anne Arundel County Board of Education***

*Student Member of the Board/ July 2016 - July 2017*

Fulfilled the responsibilities of a member including but not limited to attending community events, board meetings, and conferences. Worked on and approved a budget. Represented the student voice and made decisions on behalf of the student, faculty, and staff of the county.