

Board of Directors Opportunities and Application Form

Title: Member of the Board of Directors
Term: One (1) Year
Location: Oakville / Halton Region

The Sexual Assault & Violence Intervention Services of Halton (SAVIS) is dedicated to ending violence and fostering a safe, supportive, just and equitable society. The Board of Directors is the legal authority for SAVIS. As a member of the Board of Directors, a Director acts in a position of trust for the community and is responsible for the effective governance of SAVIS.

Duties:

- To attend and be prepared for monthly Board Meetings.
- To prepare for and participate in the discussions and deliberations of the Board.
- To be informed and accountable to the SAVIS funders for the services provided and funds expended.
- To actively participate in at least one committee, e.g. fundraising or policy.
- To foster a positive working relationship with other Board members and SAVIS staff.
- To establish overall long-term and short-term goals, objectives and priorities for SAVIS in meeting the needs of the community.
- To be informed of the services provided by SAVIS and publicly support them.

Qualifications:

- An understanding of sexual violence from a feminist, anti-racist, anti-oppression perspective and a commitment to work from this framework.
- Knowledge and skills in one or more areas of Board Governance; policy, finance, and/or human resources are an asset.
- Excellent communication, leadership, organizational, time management, networking and interpersonal skills.
- Resident of the Regional Municipality of Halton.



SAVIS is committed to a membership that reflects the diversity within the community.
We encourage women of all ages, abilities, backgrounds and sexual orientations to apply.



Volunteer Application

Date:

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City & Postal Code:	_____
Email:	_____
Phone:	_____
Emergency Contact Name & Phone:	_____

Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible.

1. How did you hear about SAVIS?

2. Why do you want to volunteer with SAVIS and what do you hope to achieve for yourself through volunteering?

3. Describe 2 skills that you will bring to volunteering at SAVIS?

4. SAVIS works from an anti-racist/anti-oppression feminist framework. What is your understanding of these terms and framework?

5. What is your understanding of violence against women and sexual violence?

a. What are the causes of sexual violence?

6. Have you had experience volunteering anywhere else? If yes, where and what was your role?

a. Why did you leave?

b. Have you ever had a conflict while volunteering and/or working? How did you handle it?

7. Have you have any previous experience with being a Board Member of a non-profit organization?

8. In what ways are you aware of the role of a governance board?

9. Do you have any specific skills that you feel may be beneficial to being on the SAVIS Board of Directors?

10. SAVIS has several sub-committees available to participate in at the board level. These committees are run in the same format as the board under a chair of the committee. Please state which committee(s) you are interested in and why? (Fundraising, Policy and Procedures, Strategic Planning, Premises, Finance, and Nominating Committees)

11. SAVIS holds a volunteer training once a year and new members to the Board are expected to attend. Are you open to further training to benefit your knowledge set for your role as a member of the Board of Directors?

12. SAVIS is a pro-choice organization which means we believe that women should be offered all pregnancy options and information (e.g. abortion, pregnancy support, adoption etc.) in a supportive and non-judgemental manner. Do you have any concerns offering pro-choice options?

Yes No

13. At SAVIS we believe in having a diverse pool of volunteers and staff members and we actively conduct outreach to diverse and marginalized communities in the Halton Region. Do you have any concerns working with, or speaking to, women from diverse groups (i.e. LGB women, Trans women/men, women of colour)?

14. Can you speak/write any languages other than English?

Please include 2 references (Person and/or professional):

1. Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2. Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services of Halton

Our Mission:

“Dedicated to ending sexual violence and fostering a safe, supportive, just and equitable society”

Each volunteer is required to:

1. Complete and sign this application.
2. Submit a recent copy of your resume.
3. Sign an Oath of Confidentiality prior to the onset of training.
4. Adhere to policies and procedures of the Centre.
5. Successfully complete the required volunteer training sessions (9 hours) at the next available training.
6. Fulfill a minimum of 8 hours per month in your chosen area of interest.
7. Attend sessions required for your area of interest.

I, _____ have read the mission statement above and agree to the outlined requirements of volunteering at SAVIS.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Please submit this application to the Nominating Committee at boardofdirectors@savisofhalton.org or via mail to the following address: 1515 Rebecca Street, Suite 227, Oakville ON, L6L 5G8