

Section II: Board of Director Nominee Information

***Full Name (Last, First)**

Jacobs, Alicia

***Brief (200 words or less) biography of nominee that will be included in the Ballot mailed or emailed to each General Member. Include information related to affiliation with AISES and what the nominee will bring to the Board of Directors.**

Alicia received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from Western Carolina University with a concentration in Native American Health and is currently working on her Master of Public Affairs degree. She is passionate about building self-reliance in native youth to build stronger native communities. Experience includes advocating for Native youth on Capitol Hill, certified as a Native Life Skills Trainer, Qualla Education Collaborative member, and first recipient of the AISES Tribal Partner Service Award. Her experience with AISES began eight years ago as her students began attending annual AISES events thus leading her to become a Sequoyah Fellow. Her passion to increase Native people in STEM is driven by her commitment to effective communication, collaboration, and community. Increasing the workforce development for the enrolled members in Cherokee, NC has been one of her most rewarding achievements thus far. Her passion for empowering youth goes beyond today as she continues to strive towards making a generational impact of strong leaders for this region and across Indian country. Advancing Native's in STEM, empowering youth and commitment to collaboration are assets that Alicia will bring as a member of the Board of Directors and the future of the AISES organization.

Please Answer the Following Questions

- 1. Why would you like to serve on the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Board of Directors? (150 words or less)**

Providing opportunity for native youth is my passion and I would like to continue serving in a capacity that strengthens Native representation within all sectors of the workforce – tribal, nonprofit, governmental, and corporate. I have been truly blessed to serve the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee for the past eight years and feel the opportunity to make a greater impact on a national level would be an honor. Doing this work has given me a sense of responsibility for being a role model in the Cherokee community and has made me realize that to be a leader one must honor their cultural values by doing so selflessly. I feel that my commitment to positively impact the future of Native people in STEM correlates to the mission of the AISES organization thus making me prime candidate to serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

- 2. What is your past experience/association with the AISES organization? (150 words or less)**

I have significantly increased the Eastern Band of Cherokee representation within the AISES organization over the past eight years. Growing membership, student participation, assisting in filling the Region 7 Representative position, participating in conference presentations, and obtaining two Sequoyah members. Current work includes endorsing AISES as a collaborative partner with the Cherokee Central Schools and Qualla Education

Collaborative. This work makes AISES the first external partner to be fully endorsed through the collaborative into the school system as a STEM partner for the newly developed blended learning model. This partnership with the Qualla Education Collaborative opens the door for AISES to continue the work with the Eastern Band of Cherokee, to apply for grant funding, and to include plans of hosting the Leadership Summit in Cherokee. Due to this work and the efforts put into the partnership I was named the first recipient of the AISES Tribal Partner Service Award.

The AISES Board of Directors has determined that there are key skill sets needed to fulfill AISES' strategic goals. The questions below specifically address the needed skills, knowledge and experience.

3. Please elaborate on your fundraising and major gifts cultivation experience. (150 words or less)

I previously served as the Secretary of the Board of Directors for a nonprofit, REACH of Jackson County. This organization provides the only shelter for domestic and sexual violence victims and their children in our area and is the only shelter within a 45-minute radius. The shelter was not capable of meeting the needs of the community and experienced financial difficulties from years of inadequate funding. I participated in their capital campaign and fund raising efforts beyond my term as a board member. Hosting an annual Gala, outreach efforts within the region, and personally supporting the organizations mission financially.

4. Given the strategic goal of increasing value to all members, what skills and resources can you provide toward the success of this strategic initiative? List experience with program development, target populations and outcomes. (150 words or less)

Working with the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program I have had the privilege of building capacity with the leadership programs funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. This work provided me the opportunity to write policy, create strategic plans, develop assessment tools, and build the collaborative foundation needed to form the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. Joining forces provides our community members with leadership opportunities, workforce development, and cultural preservation. As the Special Initiatives Director, it allowed me the ability to strengthen the value of all members on the Qualla Boundary resulting in qualified applicants, educated members, and a community of selfless leaders grounded in the traditional core values these programs are based upon. I continue to serve the larger community by working with the Chancellor of Western Carolina University and sitting on the Qualla Education Collaborative board as a voice for the education system supporting our youth on cradle to career initiatives.

5. Elaborate on your prior experience serving on non-profit Boards. Specify your understanding of the associated fiduciary responsibilities required of Board members. (150 words or less)

As a former board member for REACH of Jackson County, working for a nonprofit, and having community members serving the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program I am well versed on and clearly understand the fiduciary responsibility that goes along with serving on a board. With the development of the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute and being in a position that is now grant funded I have had the opportunity to write policy for the institute that includes adherence to policy requiring due diligence on every level when it comes to being accountable for granted funds. Likewise, all students in the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program receive award funding each year which requires monitoring and auditing to ensure they are using these funds appropriately and in accordance to their leadership development plans. I have extensive experience and a clear understanding of the cruciality of monetary responsibility within the nonprofit sector.

6. Have you visited the AISES website to view the AISES Board of Directors Roles, Responsibilities, Agreement, and Member Requirements at the following?

<http://www.aises.org/about/board>

AISES Code of Conduct document at the following?

<http://www.aises.org/about/board>

- Yes
 No

Section III: Two (2) Endorsements of Nominee (Required)

Endorsement #1

*Full Name (Last, First) Blythe, Chloe			
*Endorsement Date 06/06/2017	*Endorsement Method, explain (in person, by phone, by email, by postal mail, other) email		

Statement of Endorsement (Optional) (this will most likely be copied email text from the person making the endorsement to the person submitting this nomination form) (150 words or less)

I would like to formally endorse Alicia Jacobs as a candidate for the AISES Board of Directors. She has dedicated herself to serving Native American youth of all communities and tribes. Alicia strives every day to fulfil the AISES mission and encourage native youth to pursue their goals and increase Native representation across all fields. Her work with the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute and the Cherokee Preservation Foundation have only expanded her influence and allowed her to expand the reach of AISES into the lives of youth on the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Her work with the Jones-Bowman Leadership Fellowship has also allowed her to develop young Cherokee leaders and provided them with opportunities to take on leadership roles in national organizations. I believe Alicia's passion and dedication to serving Native youth make her an ideal candidate for the Board of Directors.

Chloe Blythe

Region 7 Student Representative

Endorsement #2

*Full Name (Last, First) Monteith, Carmaleta			
*Endorsement Date 06/12/2017	*Endorsement Method, explain (in person, by phone, by email, by postal mail, other) email		

Statement of Endorsement (Optional) *(this will most likely be copied email text from the person making the endorsement to the person submitting this nomination form)* **(150 words or less)**

I take immense pleasure in endorsing Alicia for consideration in joining the AISES Board of Directors. My experience in working with Alicia confirms my opinion that she has brought to the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program her skills in being able to direct a successful program in helping develop leadership skills in young college students. She is passionate and committed to serving these young people and developing them as future leaders of the tribe. Alicia's roles as a supervisor, coordinator, administrator, director, and experience in serving on a Board, have prepared her to be a very effective Board member. These experiences enhance her ability to bring different perspectives to decision-making as a Board member. I especially am impressed with Alicia's love of learning and desire to continue her education to better serve the tribe. As an AISES Fellow, I would appreciate knowing that someone of Alicia's ability is serving on our Board.

Additional Endorsements (Optional)

Endorsement #3

*Full Name (Last, First)		*Phone	*Email
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Endorsement #4

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