

**Foundation Board of Directors  
Board Member Position Description**

**Mission**

The SVS Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Society for Vascular Surgery, supporting research, education, and outreach initiatives. The Foundation's mission is: To optimize the vascular health and well-being of patients and the public through support of research that leads to discovery of knowledge and innovative strategies, as well as education and programs, to prevent and treat circulatory disease. The SVS Foundation is committed to funding the future of vascular health through research and innovation, patient education, disease prevention and diversity, equity and inclusion.

**Position**

The Board will support the work of the SVS Foundation and provide mission-based leadership and support. While the day-to-day operations are led by the Foundation's executive director, the relationship between staff and the Board is a partnership and the appropriate involvement of the Board is critical. Specific Board member responsibilities include:

**Leadership, governance and oversight**

- Serve on Foundation workgroups as needed
- Act as the Foundation's enthusiastic ambassador to help secure philanthropic and corporate sponsorship

**Fundraising roles & responsibilities**

- Embrace the effort to create a culture of philanthropy: a commitment to a donor-centered perspective, focused on strategic relationship building resulting in steadily increased philanthropic and corporate sponsorship revenues
- Assist in developing and implementing strategies to increase the number of SVS members that contribute to the SVS Foundation
- Make a personal financial commitment to the SVS Foundation at the major donor gift level
- Strive to secure major gift commitments from other related vascular medical organizations, as well as his/her medical center, department, business, grateful patients, and/or corporations
- Help to develop and execute strategies for securing major gift commitments from key individuals, family foundations, institutional foundations, grateful patients, medical partnerships, and other likely corporate/business prospects
- Assist in "opening doors," cultivating and/or soliciting a limited number of additional key major gift prospects (individuals, foundations and corporate representatives)
- Work diligently to assure the success of the Foundation's special projects, including the STEP Challenge, Year End campaign and other special events

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Serving on the SVS Foundation Board is a unique opportunity to shape the future of vascular health. We welcome individuals with a passion for philanthropy and a vision for impact. The ideal candidates will possess the following qualifications:

- Professional experience with leadership accomplishments
- Ambassadorial skills and a natural affinity for cultivating relationships
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion for improving vascular health of patients and the public
- A history of philanthropic support to the SVS Foundation

Service on the Foundation's Board of Directors is without remuneration, except for reimbursement of travel when needed and costs related to Board Members' duties.