

Syracuse Cooperative Market Board of Directors CANDIDATE APPLICATION

Name	Ashley Slater
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Candidate Statement

1. Describe your involvement with the Co-op. Include amount of time spent and specific activities, if appropriate.

I have always had a passion for connecting communities with locally sourced products. I was first introduced to Syracuse's Co-op about two years ago and fell head over heels with both the staff and the element of community that it gives our city. I since visit fairly frequently and share it's purpose with all who I am able.

2. Describe any volunteer or paid experience relevant to serving as a Co-op Board member.

I am currently the General Manager for Wunderbar - a locally focused bar and theater in downtown Syracuse. I oversee the staff in addition to the menus, ordering, and daily operation.

I have been looking for a new way to expand my involvement in our community since moving back to Syracuse and feel as though this would be a prime opportunity.

As a previous Rhode Island resident, I served on their Leadership RI board for several years working to develop and sustain leaders and small businesses of the community. Developing the city in which I live has always been a passion that I shared with others.

3. What do you see as our Co-op's role in the broader community?

I believe that the role of the Co-op is to connect members of the community with quality, fresh and local products from the surrounding area. It also simultaneously supports local farmers / small businesses giving them the opportunity to thrive.

4. Please provide a personal statement, including anything you feel is relevant to your candidacy.

In the Summer of 2013, I spent several months in South Africa studying sustainability and nature-based tourism. While my dream is to bring world changes, we must first start with our own community. I hope to use my education, previous leadership experience, and knowledge of the pulse of our city to be successful in the role.

I have always been compassionate, driven, and dedicated to exposing the wonders of my community. Truly, in any way possible. Syracuse has so much to offer in so many ways and it takes small steps like this to help in unveiling its beauty. I look to uphold the mission of the Co-op, while offering my own diverse perspective and experience to aid in its optimal development and growth.



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