



# The Children's Trust of Alachua County Application

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## Section 1 – General Information

List all your places of residence for the last ten (10) years:

Address	City & State	Dates: From / To
5423 NW 45th Dr	Gainesville, FL	2021 - Present
2408 Emancipation Ave	Houston, TX	2020 - 2021
905 W 15th 1/2 St	Houston, TX	2019 - 2020
1503 Fairview St	Houston, TX	2016 - 2019
8383 El Mundo St	Houston, TX	2015 - 2016

List all your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood:

Address	City & State	Dates: From / To
n/a		

Have you ever been convicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? (Exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150.00 or less was paid.)

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes" give details:

Date	Place	Nature	Disposition

## Section 2 – Education and Background

High School: William G Enloe HS Raleigh, NC Year Graduated: 2009  
 (Name) (Location)

List all postsecondary education institutions attended:

Name	Dates	Degree Received	Major Field of Study
Washington & Lee University	2009 - 2013	Bachelors of Science	Physics (w/ Honors)
University of Houston-Downtown	2019-2021	Masters of Science	Data Analytics

Are you or have you ever been a member of the armed forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes" list:

Dates of service: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch or component: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date & type of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

Concerning your current employer and for all of your employment during the last ten years, list your employer's name, business address, type of business, occupation or job title, and period(s) of employment.

Employer's Name & Location	Type of Business	Occupation Title	Period
BES (build. excel. sustain.), Boston, MA (Remote)	Education Non-Profit	Dir. of Data Analytics	2023 - Present
School Board of Alachua County   Gainesville, FL	School District	Dir. of Data Analytics, Evaluation & Accountability	2021 - 2023
KIPP Texas Public Schools   Houston, TX	School District	Regional Lead, Data-Driven Instruction & Achievement	2019 - 2021
Promise Community Schools   Houston, TX	School District	Lead Data Analyst	2018-2019
KIPP Texas Public Schools   Houston, TX	School District	HS Science Teacher	2013-2018

Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local governmental agency in Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

*If yes, identify the position(s), the name(s) of the employing agency, and the period(s) of employment:*

Position	Employing Agency	Period of Employment
Dir. Of Data Analytics, Evaluation & Accountability	School Board of Alachua County	June 2021 - June 2023

Do you currently hold an office or position (appointive, civil service, or other) with the federal or any foreign government? Yes ☐ No ☒

*If "Yes", please list:*

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Have you ever been elected or appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

*If "Yes", state the office title, dates in office, level of government (city, county, district, state, federal), and whether you were elected or appointed (if appointed, by whom):*

Office Title	Dates in Office	Level of Government	Election or Appointment

If your service was on an appointed board(s), committee(s), or council(s):

(1) How frequently were meetings scheduled: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) If you missed any of the regularly scheduled meetings, state the number of meetings you attended, the number you missed, and the reason(s) for your absence(s).

**Meetings Attended**

**Meetings Missed**

**Reason for Absence**


Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.?    **Yes** ☐    **No** ☒

*If "Yes", give details:*

Date	Nature of Violation	Disposition

Have you ever been suspended from any office by the Governor of the State of Florida?

**Yes** ☐    **No** ☒

*If "yes", list:*

Title of Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for Suspension: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Suspension: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: Reinstated \_\_\_\_ Removed \_\_\_\_ Resigned \_\_\_\_

Have you previously been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

**Yes** ☐    **No** ☐

*If "Yes", list:*

(1) Title of Office: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Term of Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Confirmation Result: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?

Yes ☐

No ☒

*If “Yes”, explain:*

License/Certificate	Title/Number	Date Issued	Issuing Authority	Disciplinary Action/Date
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Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities’ rules and regulations?

Yes ☒

No ☐

### Section 3 – References and Experience

State your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for this appointment:

I began my career as a high school science teacher, where I became obsessed with using classroom data to tailor instruction and boost student outcomes.

My extensive public school experience includes work in traditional public and charter schools, empowering leaders with actionable insights.

In 2023, I oversaw a district-wide climate survey with over 4,000 parent responses—a record-setting rate that guided targeted family engagement strategies.

That same year, I led the statewide rollout of Florida’s new FAST testing system, training educators on its innovative features and data dashboards to inform instruction.

I currently work with an organization that prepares leaders to launch locally responsive charter schools, expanding school-choice options for families. Across classroom, district, and charter settings, I apply data analysis to expand opportunity and build resilience in children. I prioritize initiatives based on measurable impact, reflecting the Trust’s commitment to accountability and return on investment.

Please list specifically any degree(s), professional certification(s), or designation(s) related to the subject matter of this appointment:

My masters in data analytics has helped sharpen my analytical and evaluation skills.

Please list any awards or recognitions you have received relating to the subject matter of this appointment:

n/a

Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupational, civic or fraternal organizations) you have held or hold relating in the last 10 years.

Name of the Association	Role	Dates of Membership
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n/a

Are you currently serving or have you ever served on an Alachua County Advisory Board?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "Yes", please list board(s):

I was selected to be on the Data Technical Advisory Committee for the Children's Trust of Alachua County, from March 2022 until our committee fulfilled it's purpose and was disbanded in August 2022. During that time, we developed a data collection and management policy that was ultimately adopted by the Children's Trust, and is still in use today.

Do you know of any reason why you will not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you seek appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes", explain:

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List three persons who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Include a current telephone number. Exclude your relatives.

Name	Organization	Phone Number
Jennifer Wise	University of Florida	352-538-9399
Krysten Hartman	BES (build. excel. sustain.)	781-801-2315
Anne Koterba	Future Realty	352-665-9544

## Areas of Experience/Advanced Knowledge/Training:

(Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	LGBTQ Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Faith-Based
<input type="checkbox"/>	Law Enforcement/Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic Diversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Higher Education
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Health/Substance Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Juvenile Justice
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Early Childhood Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Teen Pregnancy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drop Out Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/>	After-School/Out Of School Care
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education & Child Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Experience Advocating for Children
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Prevention for Young People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Children & Teen Health Issues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (If other, please explain)	Data Analysis / Visualization	

What contributions do you feel you could make if you were recommended to the Governor to this board?

With my background in education and evaluation, I would support guiding the Children's Trust's funding decisions to ensure every dollar advances opportunity through proven, high-impact initiatives. I will support translation of complex data into practical recommendations for the county-wide literacy improvement plan, helping local leaders adopt evidence-based strategies that boost student outcomes. I would provide expert feedback on evaluation frameworks and dashboards that provide real-time insights into spending efficacy and public transparency, enabling timely adjustments. Finally, leveraging my experience working with county commissioners and our school board in prior roles, I would advance consensus-building among local government and partner organizations, aligning stakeholders around shared goals and maximizing the Trust's collective impact.

## Section 4 – Possible Conflict of Interest

Have you, or businesses of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "Yes", explain:

Name of Business	Your Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to Agency

Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), siblings(s)), or business of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida. Yes No ☒

If "Yes", explain:

**Name of Business   Relationship to You   Relationship to Business   Business Relationship to Agency**

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Have you ever had a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the past five (5) years?      **Yes**      **No**

(1) Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement expenses?      **Yes**      **No** ☒

(2) Name of agency or entity you lobbied and the principal(s) you represented:

**Agency Lobbied**

**Principal Represented**

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If you agree, please type or write your initials for each of the following statements:

(1) If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

**Yes** ☒      **No** ☐

(2) If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.

**Yes** ☒      **No** ☐

(3) I affirm that my personal and business (if applicable) affairs within Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all county regulatory and taxing authorities' rules and regulations.

**Yes** ☒      **No** ☐



**Optional: Check the Race/Ethnic Group with which you identify:**

(This information helps us provide diversity on our advisory boards.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	African American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Racial / Multi-Racial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hispanic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Native American	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific Islander	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other



I understand that this completed application is the property of Alachua County and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct (must be read and checked).

To complete the application, download and save it to your computer, then complete the application and save it again. Once it is complete submit it by email to [ctuck@alachuacounty.us](mailto:ctuck@alachuacounty.us) or fax at 352-264-6703.