



## CANDIDATE CRITERIA

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In general, preferred candidates will:

- 1) Advocate for the state councils and the Federation before Congress, other national and state organizations, and the general public.
- 2) Understand and articulate how the state councils work – their missions, plans, needs, and challenges.
- 3) Devote significant time, energy, and enthusiasm to supporting the Federation as the national voice of the state councils – this means willingness to work as an active and committed board member.
- 4) Help set direction for the Federation and oversee the implementation of the Federation’s strategic plan.
- 5) Establish and oversee policies of the Federation.
- 6) Make a meaningful financial commitment to the Federation as a board member.

In 2020, we seek candidates with one or more of the following assets:

- 1) Experience or connections that will help the Federation expand relationships with the foundation community.
- 2) Experience that will strengthen the Federation’s marketing and visibility capabilities.
- 3) Background and experience that will strengthen the Federation board’s ethnic, racial, gender, and political diversity. We particularly seek candidates who will increase the board’s racial and ethnic representation.
- 4) Recognition as a scholar with strong affinity for and connections to the public humanities.

We also consistently seek board members who are politically savvy and willing to advocate with energy and enthusiasm on behalf of the NEH and the state humanities councils, as well as board members with financial/accounting background and skills.