

# Application Form

## Profile

***If you have any questions or have difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at [aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov](mailto:aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov) or 203-946-7670.***

<u>Matthew</u>		<u>Makomenaw</u>
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<u>151 Curtis Drive</u>	<u></u>
Home Address	Suite or Apt

<u>New Haven</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>06515</u>
City	State	Postal Code

### What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

None Selected

<u>Home: (203) 430-6387</u>	<u></u>
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

### Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

Yes  No

### If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?

yes

<u>Yale University</u>	<u>of Native American Cultural Center, Lecturer Education Studies</u>
Employer	Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://www.newhavenct.gov/government/boards-commissions/boards-commissions-listed>

### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Board of Education: Submitted  
Youth Commission: Not Submitted

### Is this an appointment or reappointment request? \*

Appointment

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## Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

**Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.**

[MatthewMakomenawCV.doc](#)

Upload a Resume

**If not submitting a Resume or CV, please submit a ~150 word Statement of Interest as to why you are interested in serving on the selected Boards/Commissions. If you have uploaded a resume, you can write n/a.**

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N/A

**Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?**

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Yes  No

**Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?**

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As an educator, administrator, and advocate for students, I am deeply committed to fostering inclusive and equitable educational environments. My experience in higher education, student mentorship, and curriculum development has given me a strong foundation in addressing the diverse needs of students and supporting initiatives that promote academic success. Serving as a volunteer on the Board of Education would allow me to contribute my expertise in policy, leadership, and community engagement to help shape meaningful opportunities for all students. I am particularly passionate about ensuring that Indigenous perspectives and historically underrepresented voices are included in educational decision-making. I look forward to the opportunity to support and enhance the educational experiences of students in our local schools.

**Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected Board and Commissions?**

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With extensive experience in higher education administration, student advocacy, and policy development, I am committed to advancing equitable and inclusive educational opportunities. As the director of a cultural center and an educator focused on Native American leadership, identity, and policy, I have worked to bridge gaps between institutions and historically underrepresented communities. My background in program development, mentorship, and institutional collaboration equips me with the skills to contribute meaningfully to the commission's mission. I am eager to bring my expertise in education policy and student support to help shape impactful strategies that enhance learning experiences for all students.

**Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?**

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Full time job during the day.

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## Demographics

**In order to stay compliant with State Statute, what is your political affiliation on your voter registration?**

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Democratic

**In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?**

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Yes  No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

**Ethnicity**

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American Indian/Alaskan native Aleutian

**Gender**

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Male

**How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?**

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Online