

PROJECT blueprint

A Blueprint for Diversity in Volunteer Leadership

Mission and History

The mission of Project Blueprint is to expand the diversity of Erie's nonprofit Boards by developing the ability, drive, and leadership capacity of ethnically diverse individuals who commit to serve on the Board of local nonprofit organizations. Started in 1993 by the United Way of Erie County, the program is now a partnership between the United Way and The Nonprofit Partnership. Over the past 16 years, over 300 new leaders in Erie have developed their leadership skills and civic awareness through Project Blueprint.

How Project Blueprint Works

Recruitment for Project Blueprint launches in January and continues through March, as the program receives applications from and interviews ethnically diverse candidates who are interested in contributing to the community through service on nonprofit Boards. After a class is selected, participants come together for a full day Saturday conference in the spring during which they learn about the responsibilities of Board service and the larger civic, political, and funding environment in which nonprofit organizations exist. Participants review and reinforce this learning and explore options for service in Erie in follow-up discussion groups during the spring and summer months. Beginning in the fall and continuing during Project Blueprint alumni events, participants turn their attention to securing places on local Boards and using their new knowledge and skills to serve the community through their work with nonprofit organizations.

How to Apply

Please complete an application for Project Blueprint which is downloadable from The Nonprofit Partnership website at www.thenonprofitpartnership.org or call the office at 454-8800 x 1 to have an application sent to you. Completed applications may be returned to The Nonprofit Partnership at 459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507.

For more information, call (814)454-8800 or e-mail tnp@thenonprofitpartnership.org

