



CALL FOR FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS

THE STEEL LOTUS ALLIANCE

Empowering Survivors. Educating Our Youth. Driving Legislative Change. Building a Safer Community

The Steel Lotus Alliance is seeking dedicated, highly capable, and passionate community leaders to join our inaugural Board of Directors. Officially incorporated as a Virginia 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity in August 2026, our organization was founded by Patrick County resident, Yvonne Rorrer. Driven by first-hand experience, Yvonne established The Steel Lotus Alliance to fulfill a vital, urgent need for specialized survivor services, youth prevention education, and systemic reform in Patrick County and the surrounding region.

About The Steel Lotus Alliance

The Steel Lotus Alliance operates under a strict "for survivors, by survivors" framework, providing comprehensive support across the full spectrum of prevention, immediate safety, and long-term healing. We serve survivors of sexual abuse, sexual assault, exploitation, trafficking, and related sexual trauma of all ages, as well as their immediate families. Our mission encompasses early intervention, hands-on support, and systemic advocacy:

- **Youth Prevention, Education & School Outreach:** Advancing public education to protect children and young adults before harm occurs. This includes partnering with local schools to distribute age-appropriate educational books and resources, bringing guest speakers into high schools to educate youth on safety, boundaries, and red flags, and conducting community-wide awareness campaigns.
- **Emergency Intervention & Threat Mitigation:** Conducting electronic tracking device sweeps on vehicles, providing safe communication resources (burner phones, private PO Boxes), coordinating rapid escape plans, and offering emergency transportation.
- **Financial Empowerment & Safety Grants:** Assisting trapped individuals in building independent financial identity and security, providing emergency grants, temporary housing, security deposit assistance, and home alarm installations.
- **Healing & Legal Navigation:** Hosting peer-led support circles and mentorship, accompanying survivors through court proceedings, and collaborating with local law enforcement and Victim/Witness Assistance programs.
- **Legislative Advocacy & Policy Reform:** Actively lobbying for legislative changes to state laws to better protect victims, prevent abuse, and hold offenders accountable.

Mandatory Board Qualifications

Because our foundation rests on lived experience and local community accountability, all board candidates must meet the following baseline criteria:

- **1. Lived Experience or Direct Knowledge:** In accordance with our "for survivors, by survivors" model, all board members and officers must be survivors of sexual abuse/trauma themselves, closely related to a survivor, or possess direct, firsthand experience regarding sexual abuse.
- **2. Local Geographic Connection:** Candidates must reside in Patrick County, Virginia, or the immediate surrounding local area.
- **3. Mission Alignment:** An unyielding, heartfelt belief in our vision and a deep commitment to protecting children, supporting survivors, and building this critical resource from the ground up right here in our local community.

Key Expertise & Skills Needed

To effectively carry out our extensive scope of services and fulfill our legal and operational duties, we are assembling a well-rounded, action-oriented Board of Directors. We are specifically seeking individuals who bring skills in one or more of the following areas:

- **Youth Education, Child Advocacy & School Relations:** Educators, child advocates, or youth organizers passionate about implementing prevention programs, securing educational books for school distribution, and coordinating high school outreach initiatives.
- **Nonprofit Governance & Executive Leadership:** Individuals with prior board or operational experience in 501(c)(3) organizations to establish sound policies, maintain compliance, and guide structural growth.
- **Financial Oversight & Accounting:** Expertise in nonprofit accounting, budgeting, fiduciary oversight, and managing emergency assistance grant distribution.
- **Fundraising & Grant Writing:** Strategic thinkers and hands-on creators skilled in securing federal/state grants, private foundation funding, corporate sponsorships, and donor cultivation to ensure financial sustainability.
- **Event Planning & Community Outreach:** Organizers to lead public awareness campaigns, coordinate educational booths at local festivals, and plan dedicated community events that drive engagement and education.
- **Legislative Advocacy & Policy Reform:** Driven advocates ready to "fight the fight" and individuals who understand policy, community organizing, or legal frameworks, and who are eager to help draft legislative proposals and lobby for stronger protection laws.
- **Law Enforcement, Legal, or Crisis Services Collaboration:** Professionals or advocates experienced in collaborating with Victim/Witness Assistance programs, legal systems, or emergency crisis response.

Board Member Responsibilities

As a founding board member, you will not simply hold a title, you will actively shape the foundation of an essential community institution. Responsibilities include:

- Fulfilling fiduciary duties, approving annual budgets, and ensuring strict legal compliance as a Virginia nonstock, 501(c)(3) entity.
- Actively participating in monthly board meetings, executive committee work, and strategic planning sessions.
- Leveraging professional networks to secure resources, grants, school partnerships, and community support.

- Championing our youth prevention, legislative, and public education efforts across Patrick County and the state.

How to Apply

If you meet the core requirements and are ready to lend your skills to this vital movement, we encourage you to step forward.

Submission Requirements: Please submit a letter of interest detailing your background, specific skills (e.g., youth education, finance, grant writing, nonprofit governance, policy advocacy), your connection to Patrick County/the local area, and why you believe in this mission.

Contact Information: Direct all inquiries and applications to Founder, Yvonne Rorrer at yvonne@steellotusalliance.org