

Bessemer Academy Board of Director Nominee Questionnaire

Name: Shannon Hawkins

Child(ren)'s name and grade: Lilly Hawkins, 8th grade

Congratulations!! You have been nominated to serve on Bessemer Academy's Board of Directors. Should you be selected by the nominating committee to be on the ballot it is important that you understand the commitment involved if you are elected to a 3-year term beginning in June.

Board meeting information:

- Meetings are held at Bessemer Academy one time per month (Lasting around 1.5 to 2 hours).
- Some meetings are conference calls and a Strategic Planning meeting, held once per year.
- If you are elected to serve on the Board, you will be expected to attend all the Board meetings.
- If you do not wish to serve in this capacity, please advise us. If you are willing to serve, please complete this form and return it as instructed in the email as soon as possible.

Please answer the following questions:

1. Where did you attend high school? Lee County High School Year Graduated 1997
2. Place of Employment? UAB Medical West Hospital, Orthopedics Clinic Manager
3. How long has your child(ren) attended Bessemer Academy? 6 years
4. Do you serve on any other Boards, Committees, or Associations? Not at this present time.
5. Why do you want to be on the Bessemer Academy Board of Directors / how do you believe you can be an asset to Bessemer Academy by joining the Board? I believe I can be a strong asset to Bessemer Academy by bringing a strong commitment to the school and a willingness to serve wherever needed. I care deeply about the school's continued success and the opportunities it provides for students and families. I want to bring a voice to the foundation for those who may feel unheard. I am passionate and determined to advocate for the students of Bessemer Academy.

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6. Since your time at Bessemer Academy, in what ways have you served or been involved at the school? Although I am not an Alumni of Bessemer Academy, I have become deeply invested through my involvement in working the past year on creating the Bessemer Academy Legacy Alumni Association. Great strides are being made to include past alumni and building a solid place in the school's history. The goal is to strengthen the connection between Alumni and the school, encourage alumni engagement, and build a stronger network for Bessemer Academy. I believe increased alumni involvement can play a vital role in supporting the schools' long-term growth and success. Aside from the Alumni Association I support school events, athletics and student activities. Through my daughter's involvement in school programs such as cheerleading, Beta Club and Diamond Dolls. I enjoy being part of the BA family and supporting the experiences that make the school special for its students.

7. What is your perception of Bessemer Academy's current mission? My Perception of Bessemer Academy's mission is to provide students with a strong academic education while also helping them grow in character, leadership and faith. Bessemer Academy emphasizes community, school pride, a steadfast relationship with Christ and family values. These qualities help students feel encouraged to succeed and develop into well rounded adults prepared for the next stages of their lives,

8. What do you see as the future direction of Bessemer Academy? I believe the future of Bessemer academy lives in continuing to build on the traditions that have made the school strong while also embracing opportunities for growth and innovation. Maintaining high academic standards, strengthening extracurricular activities and continuing to foster a strong sense of community will remain important. I also believe there is significant opportunity to further strengthen alumni engagement and community involvement. Building these stronger connections between alumni, families and the school can create and expand long term success. By continuing to honor its traditions while also looking to the future Bessemer Academy will remain a place where students thrive and families feel proud to a part of the school community. I would be honored to serve you, your children, and Bessemer Academy by continuing my mission for stronger relationships and connections.

Please contact us at the below email address with any questions regarding the Board elections.

Return the completed questionnaire to: BABoardofDirectorsContact@gmail.com