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The National Standards team is receiving a lot of similar questions lately, so I want to address them in the Exchange as well as in individual communications. Below are questions related directly to the application process and because of length the answers are addressed in the attached document *starting on page 3*. A [previous post](#) addressed questions about the value of accreditation and the time frame for submissions, this information is in the attached document on pages 1-2.

Keep asking good questions! You can always reach us at [submissions@cfstandards.org](mailto:submissions@cfstandards.org) or 703-879-0672.

- What Are the Options for Demonstrating Board Approval?
- Why is Board Approval or Proof of Delegation Required for What Seem to Be Management Tasks?
- Does My Foundation Meet the NS1: Definition of a Community Foundation if Our Current Development Plan Doesn't Emphasize Endowment Funds? *Also applies to NS 11*
  - What Treasury Regulation Outlines the Elements of a Community Foundation?
  - Who Decided the National Standards Definition?
- Why Does the Application Require Minutes Reflecting a Discussion on Board Diversity?
- Why Does the Application Ask about Consistent Mission Across Communications?
- Do Conflicts of Interest Disclosures Need to Be Signed Each Year, by Whom?
- Do Confidentiality Forms Need to be Signed Each Year, by Whom?
  - Who must comply with the policy?
  - What information should the policy cover?
  - What exceptions apply?
  - Who may authorize disclosure?
  - How is confidential information protected?
  - How is the policy communicated and enforced?
  - Other confidentiality matters
- NS 18.3 Requires Grant Guidelines for All Foundation Grants, Please Provide Specifics