

City of Asheville  
**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**  
Application Form

**Applicants are strongly urged to attend several meetings of a board prior to applying**

Name of board or commission: African American Heritage; Human Relations

Your name: Diamond Slone Couch Home Phone #: 704-649-2610

Street address: 106 Southwest Lane City: Swannanoa Zip Code: 28778

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: Warren Wilson College

Your position: Asst. Director of Community Engagement Office Phone #: 828-771-3775

Resident of City YES County BUNCOMBE Race BLACK \* Gender Identity: (non-trans) woman \*

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? \* Renter Age: 29

Residence location (check one): Central \_\_\_\_\_ North \_\_\_\_\_ South \_\_\_\_\_ East ☒ West \_\_\_\_\_

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

Areas of expertise: concepts related to systemic multicultural counseling to include equity, individual and community mental health, group dynamics; community engagement; facilitation; community partnership building

Education: Master's in Marriage and Family Therapy with certificate in systemic multicultural counseling from Appalachian State University  
Bachelor's in Psychology and minor in Linguistics from University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Experience: I currently work as director of a community engaged-leadership development and college access program, the Bonner Leaders. My work in leadership development spans from advising and teaching college students in a Leadership Studies minor to leading various engagement opportunities to mentoring and facilitating training as a US Army Reserve soldier. These experiences in leadership development and community engagement mixed with my education in therapy make me a top candidate to work intimately in and with communities.

Reasons for interest: I am interested in building deeper relationship with the city and the community. I want to be a part of the conversations regarding decision-making and advocate for policies that enhance the lives of the people around me. Throughout my education, I learned that I didn't just want to sit across from an ailing person/family/couple/etc. and hear their troubles. I wanted to advocate for

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5/18/2022

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\* This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross section of the community is appointed.