



2025 Call for Nominations FAQ

The Call for Nominations officially opens August 1, 2025, for five positions on AATA's Board of Directors and one Nominations Committee Member!

Would you (or someone you know) bring valuable experience, unique perspective, and creative thinking to the AATA Board of Directors? The Nominations Committee is looking for a broad representation of AATA's membership and the art therapy community to help propel the association and profession forward. As art therapy gains recognition, our member-leaders are vital in charting a course toward a more sustainable, inclusive, and welcoming organization and community.

In addition, the opportunity to join the **Nominations Committee** will enable you to encourage others to serve. The Committee is tasked with creating a slate of candidates willing to run for elected positions in our association.

To nominate yourself or a qualified candidate, please submit a nomination form through the link provided by August 31, 2025. You'll need your MyAATA credentials to log in, so please ensure that your membership is active

Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions below about the process, or contact the AATA Nominations Committee at nominations@arttherapy.org if you need assistance with the nominations process, or contact Adele Turner from the AATA National Team at aturner@arttherapy.org if you are having any issues with your online submission.

What positions are open for 2025?

- Board Director (3 available positions)
- President-Elect
- Secretary
- Nominations Committee Member (this is a separate committee from the Board of Directors)

Where do I view the descriptions of the open positions?

You can view position description pages via this link:

[Position Descriptions](#)

What are the criteria for submitting a nomination or self-nomination?

Keep the following criteria in mind when considering well-qualified individuals for nomination. Candidates should have:

- A Professional level AATA Membership that is in good standing for no less than one year
- At least three years of professional experience in the field of art therapy
- Service to art therapy organizations at the local, state, national and/or international level

How do I submit a nomination?

To submit a nomination, click on the 2025 Call for Nominations link below, where you will be prompted to log in with your MyAATA login information. In the platform, follow the directions to

submit the 2025 Call for Nominations forms. You are able to leave your application and come back another time to finish it.

Self-nominations must be submitted directly on the 2025 Call for Nominations form by choosing the Self-Nomination (yes) option. The nominee must return the completed form, including a 200-word or less paragraph explaining why they would like to be considered for the position, and the signed form completed by **August 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET**.

[2025 Call for Nominations Form](#)

Can I nominate someone else?

If you are nominating someone other than yourself, select 'No' on the question "Is this a self-nomination?" then complete the questions. You will provide the name and email address of the individual you are nominating, and in 200 words or less, why you are nominating them.

The Call for Nominations Form must be completed and submitted by August 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET.

When is the deadline to apply or nominate someone?

The 2025 Call for Nominations closes **August 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET**.

Can I submit after the deadline?

No, submissions are no longer allowed after the deadline closes on August 31. Please allot the proper time to finish your form, gather all necessary materials, and send the request to the individual you are nominating.

I forgot to add a document to my form and/or need to edit my form. Am I able to do so?

You can add documents or edit your form before the deadline of **August 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET**. However, after the deadline, you can no longer access your form.

My membership has expired, or the membership of the person I am trying to nominate has expired. Can I still submit myself for the call for nominations or nominate an individual with an expired membership?

No, a candidate must be a current member and a Credentialed Professional, Retired Professional, Professional, or Honorary Life Member of the American Art Therapy Association for at least one (1) year. You can join (or rejoin!) [here](#).

When will I find out if I was chosen to be a candidate on the voting ballot?

Decisions will be communicated after September 15. If the Nominations Committee is delayed, applicants will be notified.

Selected candidates will be asked to complete a candidate questionnaire, which will be shared to all AATA members eligible to vote. Voting will begin in October and will be open for 30 days.

Do I have to fill out the online form to nominate myself or someone else?

We highly recommend you use the form—it's easy! But you can also email your nomination to nominations@arttherapy.org. Requests must be submitted by **August 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET**.

I have another question that was not answered in this FAQ. Who can I talk to?

If you have any other questions about nominations, please feel free to contact nominations@arttherapy.org.