HOME Program
Community Housing
Development
Organization (CHDO)
Certification
Application

CITY OF HOUSTON

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**Organization Name:** 

Date:





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#### **CHDO Application Instructions**

#### A. Program Summary

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City of Houston, as a Participating Jurisdiction (PJ), receives funds under the HOME Program, which is administered by the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). HUD has established minimum criteria for eligibility as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). In addition, HCD has established criteria to ensure that the goals established in the Consolidated Plan are accomplished.

At least 15 percent of HOME funds must be set aside for specific activities to be undertaken by a special type of nonprofit called a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). A CHDO is a private nonprofit, community-based organization which has staff with the capacity to develop affordable housing for the community it serves. In order to qualify for designation as a CHDO, the organization must meet certain requirements pertaining to their legal status, organizational structure, and capacity and experience.

With PJ approval, CHDOs may use HOME funds for all eligible HOME activities. However, in order to count towards the 15 percent set-aside, a CHDO must act as the owner, developer, or sponsor of a project that is an eligible set-aside activity. These eligible set-aside activities include: the acquisition and/or rehabilitation of rental housing; new construction of rental housing; acquisition and/or rehabilitation of homebuyer properties; new construction of homebuyer properties; and direct financial assistance to purchasers of HOME-assisted housing that has been developed with HOME funds by the CHDO. For more information on Community Housing Development Organizations, see 24 CFR 92 Subpart G:

- 24 CFR 92.208 Eligible Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) operating expenses and capacity
- 24 CFR 92.300 Set aside for Community Housing Development Organizations
- 24 CFR 92.301 Project-specific assistance to Community Housing Development Organizations

#### **B. Submission Format**

HCD is responsible for accepting and evaluating all applications for CHDO designation on behalf of the City. The Application must include the following completed items:

1. Original Application with Signatures submitted electronically

Note: Incomplete Applications or improperly compiled CHDO Applications will not be accepted.

#### **C. Contact Information**

Questions and requests for technical assistance may be directed to the CHDO Program Administrator at:

City of Houston

Housing and Community Development

CHDO Program Administrator

2100 Travis Street, 9th Floor Houston, Texas 77002

Phone: 832-394-6200

Email: singlefamilychdo@houstontx.gov





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Document Checklist	Yes	No	N/A		
Cover Letter					
Proof of Completion of HUD's Building HOME Online Training					
PRIMARY INFORMATION & CERTIFICATION					
Authorized Official Certification / Signature					
Certification of Signatures and Address					
Geographic Designation					
Service Area Map					
LEGAL STATUS					
Legal Opinion of Non-Profit Status					
Certificate of Fact					
Certificate of Account Status					
Charter					
Articles of Incorporation					
By-Laws					
IRS 501 (C ) 3 Certificate Letter					
Board Meeting Minutes					
Resolutions / Amendments					
CAPACITY					
Affidavit of Standards for Financial Management					
Past & Current Development Performance					
Fiscal Soundness					
Community Experience Report					
Applicant Organization Paid Staff and Capacity					
Individual Staff (Employee) Capacity Checklist					
Consultant Experience Certification					
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE					
Certificate of Board Status					
Affidavit of Board Low-Income Representation					
Certificate of Low-Income Representation					
Low-Income Input Report					
Religious or Faith Based Organization Certification					
Applicant Current Organization Charts  FISCAL INFORMATION					
Most Recent Approved Budget (including income and expenses)					
Internal Revenue Service Form 990 - Current Tax Year  Audited Financial Statement or Set of Basic Financial Statements					
OTHER Attachment Name					
Attachment 1					
Attachment 2					
Attachment 3					
Attachment 4					

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### **Primary Information & Certification**

Organization N	Name					
Mailing Address						
	City			Zip Code		
Contact N	Name					
Contac	t Title					
Contact Phone Nu	ımber		Co	ontact Fax Numb	per	
Contact E-Mail Address						
Tax ID Number			Un	ique Entity ID (U	EI)	
SAM.gov Number				Expiration Da	nte	
MWSBE/MWBE Number				Expiration Da	ate	
Board President Name						
President's Phone Number						
Indicate i	if the n	on-profit or parent organizati	on has a CHDO	designation in a	nother State.	
		Yes		No		
If "yes" indicate locations						
Indicate if the no		non-profit has a CHDO designation with another Participating Jurisc			ırisdiction (PJ).	
		Yes		No		
If "yes" indicate locations						
I certify the su	bmissi	on of this Application has bee	n approved by a	2/3 vote of the E	Board of Directors.	
Board Preside	ent Sig	nature			Date	





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### **Authorized Official Certification/Signature**

- 1. The information and statements contained in this Application and any of its Attachments are true and correct;
- 2. Any information and/or documentation submitted in connection with this Application may be subject to public disclosure;
- **3.** Neither it nor any of its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment or suspension declared ineligible or excluded from participation in the HOME Program by any Federal department or agency;
- **4.** No member, employee, officer, agent, consultant or official of the Applicant or Ownership Entity, nor any member of their immediate family, during his/her tenure or for one year thereafter, shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in any award of HOME funds made pursuant to this Application:
- **5.** Any changes in the facts and information supplied in this Application or in any of its Attachments may result in denial or withdrawal of any HOME funding awarded to this CHDO Designation.

Executed this day of	20	
Full Name o	of Organization	
Printed Name and Title of Highest Authorized Official	(Signature, Highest Authorized Official)	
Printed Name of Board Chair/President (This person could be different from the Highest Authorized Official.)	(Signature, Organization's Authorized Official - Board Chair/President)	
Sworn to and Subscribed before me on the day of	,, by,	
on behalf of		
	Notary Seal	
Notary Public Name	Notary Public Signature	
Commission Expires:		





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### Certification of Signatures and Address

The B	ard of						_ met on the
to sigr	day of the month of contracts, amendments, disbursem City of Houston HOME CHDO Desigr	ent req					
	Name & Title - Board President (Printe	ed)		Signa	ature		
	Name & Title (Printed)			Signa	ature		
	Name & Title (Printed)			Signa	ature		
ln :	ddition, the following individuals have been matters relatin			imary and secondary co E CHDO Designation.	ontacts fo	or the orga	nization for
	Primary Contact			Secondar	y Contac	t	
Name				Name			
	Title (Highest Operational Officer)			Title			
Pho	ie		Phone				
Em	il		Email				
	The address to which all correspor	ndence a	nd payments to the	organization shall be se	ent is liste	ed below:	
Addr	·SS						
Cit			State			Zip	
Chang	es to authorized signatures, contact persor	s or addı	ress shall be made ir Development.	writing to the City of F	louston l	Housing a	nd Community
	Signature of E	sident			Dat	е	
	Signature	of Secreta	ary			Dat	е
	I hereby certify the for	egoing s	tatements and attac	hments are true and co	orrect.		
Ву		Title			Date		





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#### **Geographic Designation**

Service Ar	Area Clearly define the geographic service area, City Council District and/or Super Attach a Service Area Map showing the boundaries the Applicant serves. Doundaries of the service area the Applicant serves.	
Chec	eck the designated City Council District(s) your organization serves as your spe designation	cific geographic
	District A Distric	et G
	District B Distric	it H
	District C Distric	ct I
	District D Distric	et J
	District E Distric	it K
	District F	
	List the Super Neighborhood(s) if the entire City Council District is not c	overed
	Check the activities your organization participates in currently	
Acq	Acquisition/rehabilitation of rental housing	
Nev	New construction of rental housing	
Acq	Acquisition/rehabilitation of homebuyer properties	
Nev	New construction of homebuyer properties	
	Direct financial assistance (i.e. down payment and closing costs) to purchasers of Honomebuyer housing owned, sponsored, or developed by a CHDO with HOME funds	DME-assisted
Ow	Dwnership of rental housing developed with HOME assistance.	
	Check the CHDO-eligible activities your organization plans to undertake a	s a CHDO
Acq	Acquisition/rehabilitation of rental housing	
Nev	New construction of rental housing	
Acq	Acquisition/rehabilitation of homebuyer properties	
Nev	New construction of homebuyer properties	
	Direct financial assistance (i.e. down payment and closing costs) to purchasers of Honomebuyer housing owned, sponsored, or developed by a CHDO with HOME funds	
Ow	Ownership of rental housing developed with HOME assistance.	





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#### **Legal Status**

Include and clearly label each requested Attachment as indicated. Select the item in the appropriate check box. Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Charters, Memorandums of Understanding, Contracts, Designations and Resolutions require the signature and date signed by the Board President or other authorized signer.

				HCD Use	Only
	Leg	gal thorization	The non-profit organization is organized under State and local laws. No part of the non-profit's earnings inure to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor or individual. Provide the following required documents which are signed and dated.	Requireme	ent Met
A		Legal Opinio	Yes	No	
		A Certificate	of Fact issued by the Texas Office of the Secretary of State		
		A Franchise			
				HCD Use	Only
	1	ganizational rpose	The non-profit has among its purposes the provision of decent housing that is affordable to low- and moderate-income people. Required as Attachments are the following documents	Requireme	ent Met
В		Charter			
		Articles of In	Yes	No	
		By-Laws			
				HCD Use	Only
С	50	01(c) Status	Applicant has a tax exemption ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. If the answer is " <b>no</b> " your organization does not qualify for CHDO Designation. If " <b>yes</b> " please provide a complete copy of one of the following:	Requireme	ent Met
		501(c)(3) Ce	rtificate letter from the IRS	Yes No	
	501(c)(4) Certificate letter from the IRS				





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			HCD Use Only
	CHDO Roles	Based on the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 92.300 check the CHDO roles your organization will pursue	Requirement Met
	Owner of	Rental Housing [CFR Section 92.300(a)(2)]	
	Develope	Yes No	
D	<b>Sponsor</b> 92.300(a)	of Rental Housing - CHDO Affifliate will act as Owner [CFR Section [4)]	Yes No
	<b>Sponsor</b> Section 9		
	Sponsor		
	Homeow		
			HCD Use Only
	CHDO Activities	The Applicant proposes the following activities to serve as the organization's main objective(s) in requesting CHDO designation (check all that apply).	Requirement Met
	Acquisitio	on/rehabilitation of rental housing	
_	New cons		
E	Acquisitio	Yes No	
	New cons		
	11011 00115	truction of homebuyer properties	





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Date:	
City of Houston	
Housing and Community	/ Development
2100 Travis Street, 9th Flo	·
Houston, Texas 77002	
RE:	
Name of Oi	
Board President	of Organization
	Address of Organization
Ladies and Gentlemen,	
under Title 24, Code of Fe	_ is recognized as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) as defined ederal Regulations (CFR), Part 92, Subpart A, §92.2. We understand that this opinion is a for your consideration for CHDO certification.
Based upon our review o	f the foregoing, it is our opinion:
derive profit or gain from Certificate of Formation, composition and indeper	is neither controlled by, nor under the direction of, individuals or entities seeking to the organization. This opinion is based on our examination ofArticles of Incorporation, and Bylaws, which indicate compliance with the board ndence requirements of 24 CFR §92.2, and confirm that no for-profit entities or individuals xercise control or hold decision-making authority within the organization.
	is an organization described in paragraph (3) or (4) of Section 501(c) and is exempt 01(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3 one of its tax-exempt pur	is an organization that specifically includes the fostering of low-income housing as poses.
4. No part of individual.	net earnings inures to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor, or
	s opinion be relied upon by you in making your determination as to the eligibility of nity Housing Development Organization (CHDO).
Sincerely,	
Name of Attorney or Firr	n Rendering Opinion]





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#### **Capacity**

All requested information in each Attachment is required. Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Charters, Memorandums of Understanding, Contracts, Designations and Resolutions must be signed and dated by the Board President or other authorized signer.

Doard	FICE	SIGCITE OF OUT C	er authorized signer.		
				HCD Use	Only
		ancial nagement	The applicant is required to conform to the financial accountability standards of 2 CFR 200.302-303, "Standards for Financial Management Systems.	Requireme Yes	ent Met No
		Affidavit of notarize and			
Α			ent Development Performance. Complete for any project listed ncial statements to support the stated cash flow position		
		Fiscal Soun Certified Purequired.			
				HCD Use	Only
	Cor	rent & Past mmunity formance	Document the non-profit or its parent organization has a history of serving the community where housing to be assisted with HOME funds will be located. Check the appropriate check box below. Provide documentation to support the selection, and label the report as <b>Community Experience Report</b> .	Requireme Yes	ent Met No
В		least one year community by any of the	signed by the Board President which details and documents at ar of experience demonstrated a lasting benefit in serving each for which CHDO Designation is sought. This must be supported a following: agreements, contracts, minutes of meetings, flyers, ents or notices of activities within the service area.		
	For newly created organizations formed by local churches, service or community organizations, a statement signed by the Board President which details and documents its parent organization has at least one year of experience in serving each community for which CHDO Designation is sought. This report statement must be supported with any of the following: agreements, contracts, minutes of meetings, flyers, advertisements or notices of activities within the service area.				





### Capacity (continued)

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	Sta	ffing	The applicant is required to demonstrate capacity for carrying out activities assisted with HOME funds.	Requireme	
		Applicant C and provide of the Applic employee o	Yes	No	
		<b>Individual C</b> signature of			
С		contracted (	<b>Experience Certification</b> is required for each consultant or employee. Consultants can only be considered for meeting the uirement for a first-time CHDO, not for any CHDO previously		
		member	s and/or statements which describe the experience of key staff s who have successfully completed similar projects to be assisted ME funds are attached. <b>Check the box on the left if this statement</b>		
		experien appropri training	(s) with consulting firms or individuals who have housing ce similar to projects to be assisted with HOME funds to train ate key staff of the organization are included. Contracts include a plan and activities to be accomplished. <b>Check the box on the left if ement is true.</b>		





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### Affidavit of Standards for Financial Management Systems

[	Date	2		Recipient			
Aff	fiant	-			(Insert exact legal na	ame of the organization)	
Af	fian	t on oath swears th	ne following statem	ents are tru	ue and are within the perso	onal knowledge of Affiant.	
1.					tive Director of the organiza this affidavit on behalf of R		
2.			anagement systems oviding for and inco		the financial accountability e following.	standards set forth in 2	
	a.	Accurate, current a	nd complete disclos	ure of the fi	nancial results of each feder	ally-sponsored project;	
		records contain info		to Federal a	of funds for federally-sponsowards, authorizations, oblig		
					ty and other assets; adequa used solely for authorized p		
	d.	Comparison of expe	enditure with budge	et amounts f	or each award;		
			s to minimize the tim cks for program purp		petween the receipt of fund recipient;	s and the issuance or	
			of Federal cost princ		ness, allocability and allowa Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR	bility of costs in accordance part 200] and the terms	
	g.	Accounting records	s, including cost-acc	ounting reco	ords that are supported by s	ource documentation.	
Aff	iant				Title		
Sw	Sworn to and Subscribed before me on the day of,, by						
				On behalf o	f		
	No	otary Public Name					
N	otar	y Public Signature				Notary Seal	
	Commission Expires						





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#### Past & Current Development Performance

Project Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Construction Type	Activity Type	Gov't Assisted	Sources of Funds	Project Completion Date	Organizati





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#### **Fiscal Soundness**

of Funds Construction, etc.)  Funding Cyc (One-Time, Annu	ele Duration (How Long Received)
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### **Applicant Organization Paid Staff and Capacity**

- 1. List the name and title of each employee who contributes to the CHDO capacity requirement for the Applicant organization. Attach a copy of each employee's W-2 or W-4.
- 2. List the name of each independent contractor whose experience you want to count toward the CHDO capacity requirement. In the "Title" column, indicate their title, and years working as a contractor. In the "IRS Status" Column, indicate either W-9 or 1099. Attach a copy of each individual's W-9 or 1099.
- **3.** For each paid employee and independent contractor listed in the table below, a completed Individual Capacity Checklist form is required.

Name	Title	IRS Status W-2, W-4, W-9*, 1099*

\*If W-9 or 1099 provide a copy of the contract between the Applicant Organization and the employee.





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#### Individual Staff (Employee) Capacity Checklist

Name				
Address				
	Street	City	State	Zip

1. For the individual listed above, indicate what experience they have by checking all that apply:

Homeownership Development

Other Relevant Experience

Real Estate Management

Rehabilitation

Rental Development

- 2. For each check mark entered above, attach a resume which details the relevant experience.
- **3.** For the individual listed above, provide a current list of all projects on which the person is currently working on, even if for another organization.

Name of Entity	Project	Role	Percent of Time

I certify the information provided above is accurate.		
Signature	-	Date





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### **Consultant Experience Certification**

Capacity rec provide copi	quiremen ies of con	t, attacl tracts a	n one copy nd resumé	y for each pro	oject. If that with a vitae. <b>N</b> o	ne contra <b>OTE</b> : Cons	ctor w sultant	ill be use s can onl	for meeting th d to meet this y be considere	requirement,
Consultar	nt Name									
Address										
								City	State	Zip
Phone					Е	mail				
Project Nam	ne				Pro	oject Loca	tion			
Project Type	9				P	Population Served				
Date of Oc	cupancy				Un	its				
Sources of F	unds				Sc	urces of F	unds			
Sources of F	es of Funds Sources of F				unds					
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Deso Consultant	cription o t Role in F									
				Pro	oject Referer	nces				
Name										
Address										
								City	State	Zip
Name										
Address										
								City	State	Zip
I certify	the infor	mation	provided	above is acc	curate an	d give m	y cons	ent to co	ntact referen	ces listed.
		Signa	ture						Date	





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### **Organizational Structure**

			HCD Use Only						
	Board Representation	Requirement Met  Yes No							
A	required to	The Board has at least three (3) members. In Texas, the Board is have at least one president and one secretary. The same person oth the president and secretary.							
		<b>Target Area Representation.</b> At least thirty percent (30%) of the Board are residents of the community served by the Applicant.							
	Board Mem employees								
	Physical Lo proposed se program ap								
	membershi community	<b>Board Structure.</b> The Applicant's governing board has at least 1/3 of its membership from residents of low-income neighborhoods, other low-income community residents, or elected representatives of low income neighborhood organizations.							
	officials. This recipients, e by public of or represent	<b>Public Official.</b> No more than 1/3 of the governing Board members are public officials. This includes employees of the Participating Jurisdiction, state recipients, elected officials, appointed public officials, and individuals appointed by public official. Public officials who themselves are low-income residents or representatives do not count toward the 1/3 minimum requirement of community representatives.							
			HCD Use Only						
	Low-Income Input	Please complete and attach Affidavit of Board Low-Income Representation Board Member who completes the Certification of Low-Incomets one of the low-income representative criteria.							
В	The Applicant is required to provide a written formal process for low-income								

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### Organizational Structure (continued)

				HCD Use On	ly		
С	meetings must be held within the convenient for residents as well a 72 hours before scheduled boar must be submitted to support minutes must include a list of tin attendance, along with a sum Board meeting minutes reflecting accordance with the procedures documents (Charter or Certificat Bylaws). As Attachments, please page 19.		The Board is required to specify the frequency of its meetings, and all meetings must be held within the defined service area at a time and location convenient for residents as well as notifying the community it serves at least 72 hours before scheduled board meetings. Furthermore, Board minutes must be submitted to support the proposed shovel-ready projects. The minutes must include a list of the low- to moderate-income beneficiaries in attendance, along with a summary of their input. Submit copies of the Board meeting minutes reflecting each Board member's appointment, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the appropriate organizational documents (Charter or Certificate of Formation/Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws). As Attachments, please provide the following documents:  Based on the Board's required meeting frequency, the corresponding Board minutes				
		Based on th					
	Based on the Board's required meeting frequency, the corresponding Resolutions/ Amendments, if any, must be submitted.						
	*Th	ne City reserve					
				HCD Use On	ly		
	bu	t they may s	<b>unization Sponsors.</b> Religious organizations cannot qualify as CHDOs ponsor the creation of fully secular nonprofits (see 24 CFR Part	Requirement	Met		
D	92.257). The nonprofit may develop, sponsor or own HOME funded housing only if it is explicitly used for secular purposes. Documentation is required as evidenced by Religious or Faith Based Organization Certification.		Yes	No			
				HCD Use On	ly		
E	<b>Applicant Current Organization Charts.</b> Include diagrams which shows the structure of the Applicant's current organization on the date of the CHDO Application				Met No		





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#### **Certification of Board Status**

Board Member Name	Residential Address	City	State	Zip	Representation Status	Date Appointed to Board	Team Expiration	Occupation Place of Employment
y the above listing of current, participating I	Board members is accurate.							





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### Affidavit of Board Low-Income Representation

On this day of	, ZU I,_			nereby
(b) a low-income commun	tified in the attached exhibits ar ity resident, or (c) an elected rep e" is defined as households whos	resentat	ive of a low-income	e neighborhood
0	ea, as determined by HUD with a			
	ent is true and correct. I understa For revocation of CHDO Designa			sification of information
Affiant		Title		
Sworn to and Subscribed k	pefore me on the day of			by
	On behalf o	f		
Notary Public Name				
Notary Public Signature			Notary Seal	
Commission Expires				





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### Certification of Low-Income Representative

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reso		eighborhood organization, please attach a copy of the signed n naming the individual as their representative on the governing
	Board.	
	within	, the Applicant's target community to serve on the CHDO
	I was elected as a representative of	, a low-income neighborhood organizatio
	of the residents are low-income. (Note: Thi	, the Applicant's target community where at least 51 perces resident does not have to be low-income.), neighborhood, the Applicant's target at or below the 80% of the median household income for the arbit IRS Tax Return.
Plea	ise check and complete at least one of the	following:
CFR elec	Part 92 (HOME Investment Partnerships P	nilies in the Applicant's target community. For the purposes of 2 rogram) a person who does not serve as a "public official" in any any of the following characteristics is recognized as representin
l cer	tify I am a current member in good standi	ng of the governing Board for
	rd Member Name:	
D	ual Marian In a u Marian a .	
	uired to complete this Certification.	