

Nature Centers Commission
Applicant Package - Member

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Positions Available 7

Terms: 01 Feb 24 - 01 Nov 2026

Number of applicants in this package 2

- Garcia, Claudia
- Wilson Weber, Penny (reapplying)

Name: garcia, claudia

Address: 921 sw depot avenue apt.206, gainesville florida, 32601

Email: claudiagarciae1@gmail.com

Board Name: Nature Centers Commission

Please confirm Full Name, including middle initial, prefix, and physical mailing address:

Claudia Garcia

921 SW Depot Avenue Apt 206, Gainesville FL, 32601

In what city district do you live?:

District 1

Employer:

Keep Alachua County Beautiful

Phone Number:

9546518979

Occupation:

Student/Part time staffer

Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.):

I have greatly expanded my knowledge on the importance of nature conservation and all the different nature centers during my time at Keep Alachua County Beautiful. I would greatly value and also be able to contribute to a committee that looks to protect and uplift the many nature centers in Gainesville.

How many terms have you served on this board previously?:

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Do you claim any exemption to public record disclosure pursuant to FLA. STAT. Section 119?:

No

Have you been removed from any advisory board for attendance, behaviour or another reason?:

No

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?:

No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?:

No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?:

No

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Yes

Do you affirm that your personal and business (if applicable) affairs within the City of Gainesville and Alachua County are in substantial compliance with all city and county regulatory and taxing authorities rules and regulations? *:

Yes

Do you agree with the following statement? Appointees to advisory board/committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in the "Advisory Board Handbook." *:

Yes

Do you agree with the following statement? I understand that this completed application is the property of the City of Gainesville, is subject to public record requests and I hereby certify that the statements made on this application are true and correct. :

Yes

Time of Submission: 09/18/23 8:30:15 PM

Attachments

- Claudia I. Garcia Resume (6).pdf

Claudia Garcia

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EDUCATION

University of Florida

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Minors: Public Leadership, Environmental Justice and Policy

GPA: 3.8/4.0

January 2022 - May 2024

Gainesville, FL

Santa Fe College

Associate of Arts in Political Science

GPA: 4.0/4.0

August 2020 - December 2021

Gainesville, FL

WORK EXPERIENCE

Keep Alachua County Beautiful Inc.

May 2023 - Present

Community Partnerships Intern

Gainesville, FL

- Efficiently conducted research for specific grants, gathering stakeholder needs, successfully applying for 5+ grants
- Established and maintained partnerships with community gardens, coordinating local community events and directing volunteers
- Created and delivered lesson plans and activities with a small team for environmental education efforts,

Florida Student Power Network

May 2023 - August 2023

Climate Advocacy Fellow

Gainesville, FL

- Collaborated with supervisors to schedule and direct workshops aimed at engaging youth aged 15-25 on the importance of civic engagement, specifically focusing on climate advocacy
- Participated in various canvassing and community outreach campaigns, collecting voter registration documents, and provided vulnerable communities with educational resources related to Florida voting practices

Peak Literacy

January 2023 - June 2023

Literacy Intern

Gainesville, FL

- Provided direct reading instruction 5 days a week for at-risk students improving their speed, accuracy, and academic confidence
- Contributed findings to monthly continuing education meetings discussing topics such as poverty, community partnerships, program fidelity, and leadership training
- Collaborated with directors on assigned projects focused on company outreach and growth within the community

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

UF Student Government Senator

May 2023- Present

District E Senator

Gainesville, FL

- Elected amongst a competitive pool of applicants to represent all students living in District E
- Drafted legislation, such as bills and resolutions, aimed at addressing constituents' needs

Florida Student Policy Forum

February 2023- Present

Advisory Committee

Gainesville, FL

- Engaged in meetings focused on the discussion of policy issues impacting the state of Florida
- Specialized in advocacy for policy related to the environment, civil rights, education, and economics
- Assisted in tracking the advancement of legislative bills through the legislative process of the State of Florida

Junior Research Program

January 2023- May 2023

Fellow

Gainesville, FL

- Selected to work with Dr. Lindsey Goldberg to develop methodologies for a research project
- Completed a 40-page report on International Security to assist Dr. Goldberg's efforts in publishing a book
- Participated in professional research development and networking workshops

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Native English, Native Spanish

Other Distinctions: Bob Graham Center Civic Scholars Researcher, Beyond 120 Scholar, Tau Sigma Transfer Student Honor Society, Brown Center for Leadership and Service Changemakers Dialogue Series, Delta Zeta Sorority, Hootsuite Social Media Certification

Interests: Volunteering at Local Gardens, Yoga, Sustainability

Name: Wilson Weber, Penny

Address: 3621 NW 30th Place, Gainesville, 32605

Email: pwg8r@yahoo.com

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Please confirm Full Name, including middle initial, prefix, and physical mailing address:

Penny Wilson Weber, 3621 NW 30th Place, Gainesville, FL 32605

In what city district do you live?:

District 2

Employer:

retired

Phone Number:

352-378-2160

Occupation:

full time volunteer

Why are you interested in serving on this board? (Please answer separately for each board you are applying to.):

Served on NCC off and on. Officer with Friends of Nature Parks and have represented that FoNP in most of my roles with NCC. Active with UF College of Ag and Life Sciences. Active with Alachua Conservation Trust. Active with Nature Plant Society and Audubon. Manager/Owner of conservation land and timberland.

NCC serves a valuable role similar to the Public Recreation and Parks Board. At present NCC has a number of openings due to new requirements and many of the remaining members have been active only one term. I have attended PRPB meetings to provide insight on working with our Nature Parks and conservation lands.

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The representative for Friends of Nature Parks primarily

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What is your gender identity?:

Prefer Not to Answer

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If yes, which City Advisory Board/Committee?:

Nature Center Commission

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