

# Application

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### New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

Scott  
First Name

Abeles  
Last Name

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Email Address

[Redacted]  
Primary Phone

[Redacted]  
Alternate Phone

### Date of Birth

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### Home Address

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Street Address

[Redacted]  
Suite or Apt

[Redacted]  
City

[Redacted]  
State

22314  
Postal Code

Carlton Fields P.A.  
Employer

Attorney  
Job Title

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Commission For The Arts: Submitted

### Which position are you applying for?

Public at-large, art consumer

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## Demographics

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Yes  No

If yes, how long?

8 years

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes  No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain

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## Interests & Experiences

### Statement of Interest

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I'm a longtime Alexandria resident, and am especially an Old Town and arts champion. My children grew up here taking art classes through the Art League and Torpedo Factory. I've attended our annual art fair for years and have supported our local artists whenever possible in my own modest collecting. As an attorney, problem solver, strategic thinker, negotiator, and courtroom advocate, I am confident I can deploy at least some of these skills to advance the Commission's, and the City's goals.

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Yes  No

If yes, please list the board:

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Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

Yes  No

If yes, please state your department, job title, and describe your duties:

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Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

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Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

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Yes  No

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement??

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Yes  No

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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Juris Doctor, Georgetown University Law Center

## SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

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20+ years as attorney, primarily at large national firms, focusing on antitrust, complex litigation, and administrative law.

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## Non-Discrimination Data Supplemental Questions

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New Applicant

Alvah T.

First Name

Beander

Last Name

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Email Address

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

### Date of Birth

[Redacted]

### Home Address

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Street Address

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Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

City

[Redacted]

State

22554

Postal Code

Melanin Art Appraisals, LLC

Employer

President/Fine Art Appraiser

Job Title

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Professional field of art and culture

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Yes  No

If yes, how long?

I'd like a residency waiver

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes  No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain

Yes, I was a member of the Chamber of Commerce in the late 80's early 90's.

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## Interests & Experiences

Statement of Interest

I am interested in joining the City's Art Commission. I believe that my unique combination of skills and experiences would make a valuable contribution to the commission's mission of promoting and enhancing the artistic vibrancy of Alexandria. I am a former Olde Towne gallery owner and my late husband's family are five generations Alexandrians.

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Yes  No

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Yes  No

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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Bennett College for Women, Political Science, B.A. 1973 Marymount University, Master Business Administration, Management, MBA, 1995 George Washington University, Professional Certificate, Appraisals Studies, 2001

## SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

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Alvah T. Beander, FRICS, FRSA, MBA, is a personal property valuer/appraiser specializing in African, African American, and African Diaspora art. In 2021, she was the first African American woman awarded the designation of Fellow in the Royal Institutes of Chartered Surveyors; Fine Arts & Antiques (RICS). Recently, she was appointed to The Valuation Professional Group Panel as the only Arts & Antiques representative. In January 2023, she was awarded the designation of a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures, and Commerce (RSA). She is a frequent lecturer and has presented globally. She was the first African American to appraise for a sitting president. She appraised the African art gifts to former President George W. Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. She was a consultant to the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission. She is an Adjunct Professor of Business and has developed a curriculum for an Entrepreneurship certification program. Alvah is the former Chair of the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Public Library Foundation. She has served on the University President's Alumni and Art Advisory Board. Bennett College awarded her the Alumnae Achievement Award and the President's Award.

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### **Non-Discrimination Data Supplemental Questions For Applications to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Completion of this section is **VOLUNTARY**. When completed, the section is separated and redacted from your application prior to the application's submission to City Council. **COUNCIL AND STAFF DO NOT USE THIS FORM IN DETERMINING APPOINTMENTS.** Information provided in this section is treated confidentially and the information is forwarded to the Alexandria Office on Human Rights for compilation of statistics. One responsibility of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) is to track whether the diversity in our City's population is reflected in appointments made to boards, commissions, committees and authorities; the HRC does this using only data supplied on this form. The HRC reports statistics only to Council.

The HRC's main role is to ensure discrimination does not occur in our city based on race, color, sex, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation or disability with respect to housing, employment, public accommodations, health and social services, education, credit or city contracts.

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New Applicant

Ashley

First Name

Smith

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

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Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

### Date of Birth

[Redacted]

### Home Address

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Medstar Medical Group

Employer

Registered Nurse

Job Title

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Yes  No

If yes, how long?

3 years

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Yes  No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain

I've volunteered at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum and trained with the Stabler Leadbeater Apothecary Museum. I am currently the Social Development Coordinator, on the Steering Committee, for Alexandria Community Rowing and am a new member of the Del Ray Artisans. Outside of Alexandria, I am a member of the production team for Grace Community Church in Arlington.

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## Interests & Experiences

Statement of Interest

I would love to be a member of the Commission for the Arts for Alexandria. I am currently getting my Master's Degree in Museum Studies from Harvard University through their extension program, and have been trying to find opportunities to get involved with activities under that umbrella, to grow through experience. I am eager to learn about the inner workings of the art community, put what I've learned to use, and provide unique input to current projects.

Are you currently a member of a City Board, Commission, Committee or Authority?

Yes  No

If yes, please list the board:

n/a

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n/a

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Yes  No

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

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Bachelor of Science, Nursing. University of South Florida. Master of Arts, Field of Museum Studies. Harvard University (expected 2025 graduation date).

## SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

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Ashley E. Smith is a critical care Registered Nurse of almost 15 years, excitedly pursuing a slow career change to become an Exhibition Developer. She is attending Harvard University, where she is half way through the completion of her ALM degree in Museum Studies, to that end. After completion of her degree, Ashley plans to develop exhibits and content for science and natural history museums, schools, and community projects focused on water sciences and clean water advocacy, the working themes of her final Capstone project. Ashley is confident, resilient, and a resourceful problem solver, with graceful customer service, inclusivity, and public speaking skills. Currently, she utilizes these skills as a surgical liaison. Daily, she educates patients about cardiac conditions and electrophysiology procedures, and liaises between patients and their providers through clinical and surgical complexities. She possesses the ability to absorb complex scientific information and break it down to the layperson with respect, empathy, humor, and tact. She excels professionally in communication, conflict management, and de-escalation. Ashley owns and operates her evolving company, Gryffin Conservatory & Conservancy, a rebrand of her original company, Gryffin Bibliophile Conservatory. She hopes to utilize this company to develop a portfolio outside of nursing for her Exhibition Development endeavors. Relevantly, Ashley is also the Social Development Coordinator for Alexandria Community Rowing and is a member of the production team for Grace Community Church. Historically, she has worked as member of the Marine Mammal Stranding Network for the Texas State Aquarium, has worked medical missions in the Amazon, and is a member of the Potomac Riverkeeper Network.

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New Applicant

David  
First Name

Wilkes  
Last Name

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Email Address

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Primary Phone

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Alternate Phone

### Date of Birth

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### Home Address

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Street Address

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Suite or Apt

[Redacted]  
City

[Redacted]  
State

22314  
Postal Code

Self Employed Consultant  
Employer

licensed Certified Public Accountant in District of Columbia  
Job Title

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Yes  No

If yes, how long?

12 years

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Yes  No

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

Yes  No

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## Interests & Experiences

### Statement of Interest

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Interested in supporting / nurturing the design, implementation and sustainment or enduring art in the City of Alexandria, My interests include support for public art projects, especially art that is accessible and that allows some form of interactivity (other than simply viewing). Happy to support budgetary reviews

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Yes  No

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

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HS: St Stephens School College: Virginia Tech MBA: American University

## SUMMARY OF WORK AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

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Very active in the arts of the Burningman Community, including Regional Burning Man Events Playa del Fuego and Constellation burns. Serve on the Art Project Review Committee. Also active in CASE (Community Art and Civic Engagement, which is aligned with the goals of my joining this commission Cybersecurity professional with 20 years experience. Actively licensed CPA in District of Columbia Served as member of Board of Governors of the Old Dominion Boat Club for nine years Served as Chairperson of the Finance Committee of the Old Dominion Boat Club for six years Served as member of Board of Directors of the FirePony Creative Society for four years

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