



Dear SYTA Member:

The Student & Youth Travel Association (SYTA) is accepting nominations for the 2017-2018 Board of Directors.

SYTA relies on you to nominate yourself or another qualified, dedicated individual to be considered for a Director position. We are looking for highly motivated individuals who will strive to carry out SYTA's Strategic Plan throughout a three year term.

It is recommended that you review the [2017 Nomination FAQs](#) prior to completing this form as it provides valuable information for making your decision. These can be found by visiting syta.org. The nomination period is open now through May 24, 2017.

Nominees may only nominate themselves for one position on the SYTA Board of Directors, either Board of Director or Vice President or one position on the SYTA Youth Foundation Board of Trustees. There is a separate nomination form and process for the Board of Trustees. To review the complete process and access the form visit syta.org.

On the SYTA Board of Directors there are two (2) Active member positions and one (1) Associate member position up for election. The term of office is three years, August 2017 - August 2020.

The SYTA Vice President position is also open for nominations and must be an active member in good standing. The Vice President serves a one-year term and, upon completion of that term, shall automatically succeed to the office of President. Following a year as President, a further year will be served in the position of Immediate Past President. This is a period of three years, August 2017 – August 2020.

Nominees must submit a complete nomination package to the SYTA offices by May 24, 2017 at 5:00pm EDT. The Nomination package includes:

- Completed nomination form
- Candidate's statement for the membership
- Authorized signature that you are either the owner or senior manager of your company, and the designated primary contact of record with SYTA at the time of this application.
- Brief biography and photo (The photo should be a headshot, preferable in jpg format with a resolution of at least 300 dpi at 8X10 size).

Thank you for applying to serve on the SYTA Board of Directors or Board of Trustees. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Terry Valentine'.

Terry Valentine
Nominating Committee Chair
SYTA Past President



**2017 Nomination Form
SYTA Board of Director and Vice President**

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Title: _____ Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

As the “Owner/Co-owner/general manager/senior staff”, I agree and understand the time and monetary commitment for me to serve as a member of the SYTA Board of Directors, and I am the Designated Primary Contact of record at this time.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that I am nominating myself for the position of (select one):

- SYTA Board of Director (Active Member Director Position)
- SYTA Board of Director (Associate Member Director Position)
- SYTA Vice President

Please answer the following questions and prepare a candidate’s statement to help your SYTA colleagues and friends better understand your ideas about the future of the association, the student travel industry and why you want to serve on the Board of Directors. *Note: if you prefer not to answer your questions in the fillable section below – we ask that you attach a word document to your submission that includes the both the questions and answers.*

- 1.) Briefly describe your experience in the student travel industry, including any volunteer or leadership positions which you have held.



2.) Why do you want to serve on the SYTA Board of Directors and how will SYTA benefit if you are elected to the Board of Directors? (Vice President Candidates answer 2A.)

A.) Why do you want to serve as SYTA Vice President and how will SYTA benefit if you are elected Vice President?

3.) In referring to SYTA's Strategic Plan, what aspects of the plan are you most engaged in and how do you feel you can help SYTA achieve these strategic objectives?

4.) What do you see as the challenges facing the student travel industry? What can SYTA do to meet those challenges?



- 5.) Please comment on the significance of the SYTA Youth Foundation and its role in furthering SYTA as the Voice of Student & Youth Travel?

Candidate's Statement

In addition, please **include a statement no more than 150 words** describing yourself and why you feel the membership should vote for you. Your statement may include your responses on the Nomination Form.

The information you submitted above will be published prior to elections so that the general membership may learn about the candidates and make informed decisions. You will have the opportunity to review your information before they are posted on the website.

Nominees must have a complete nomination package on file at SYTA offices by 5:00pm EDT May 24, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Berretta in the SYTA office at 703-610-9034 or lberretta@syta.org. **Please return your form to lberretta@syta.org or fax to 703-610-0270.**