



Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Join Us!

Mission:

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank ("GCFB") Emerging Professionals Council ("EPC") is a dynamic group of socially conscious emerging professionals and future community leaders who are motivated to bring awareness to the mission of the Food Bank and the issue of hunger in Northeast Ohio. In addition, the EPC will occasionally serve as a resource to the GCFB board of directors on strategic issues or challenges/opportunities facing the organization.

Responsibilities:

- ✓ **Promote the mission of GCFB:** "Together with our community, we provide nutritious food and resources to help our neighbors facing hunger thrive."
- ✓ **Participate in GCFB volunteer experiences** and programs; and personally **contribute a minimum of at least \$100 annually** to the organization.
- ✓ **Engage other Northeast Ohio emerging professionals** in critical hunger relief issues and encourage other organizations and individuals to support our mission and initiatives.
- ✓ **Support GCFB online through social media** (i.e. sharing social media posts on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook; using GCFB hashtags when posting about the food bank).
- ✓ When appropriate, **provide input and guidance** on GCFB strategic initiatives and improvement opportunities to management and/or the board of directors.

Requirements:

- ✓ Be an emerging professional (graduate students or early career professionals) who lives or works in GCFB's Northeast Ohio service area.
- ✓ Complete an on-line application.
- ✓ Commit to actively participate in the Emerging Professionals Council for a minimum of 24 months.

Term + Time Commitment:

- ✓ Council Members are **appointed to serve a two (2) year term** (October 1 – September 30).
- ✓ After the initial **two (2) year commitment** Council Members may be asked to stay on the Council.
- ✓ It is anticipated that on average **Council service will require approximately 40 hours** per year, however, that time commitment could vary depending upon the Council's initiatives.

GCFB will begin recruiting new members in August 2026 and reviewing applications after September 15, 2026. For questions or concerns, please contact Valissa Turner Howard, GCFB Chief People Officer & General Counsel, at vhoward@clevelandfoodbank.org.