



# MEMBER APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in being a representative from your region to the Statewide Self Advocacy Network (SSAN). This is the process we will use to fill vacancies.

## STEP 1

Review the SSAN Mission Statement & member responsibilities from the by-laws (below) if you are still interested in applying, go to Step 2.

### **Mission Statement**

The Statewide Self-Advocacy Network (SSAN) promotes leadership and builds bridges that strengthen advocacy among disability communities by focusing on policy change.

### **What we do**

- Develop the knowledge and skills to make a difference in our region and state.
- Speak up for people with disabilities.
- Learn about and advocate for issues important to people with disabilities.
- Lead regional and statewide advocacy groups and networks

### **Who we are**

- The SSAN consists of advocates for people with developmental and other disabilities who are members representing regions and organizations or affiliates in California.
- Members are expected to attend all meetings.
- Members shall serve for a four-year term.

## STEP 2

- Complete the application by answering ALL the questions
- Get a letter of support from your supporting agency and attach
- Write down two (2) references from people who know about your advocacy work and can vouch for you.
- SEND ALL ITEMS to the SCDD Self Advocacy Coordinator at:  
email: [riana.hardin@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:riana.hardin@scdd.ca.gov)  
mail: 3831 North Freeway Blvd. Suite 125, Sacramento, CA 95834

## STEP 3

The SCDD Self Advocacy Coordinator will get the completed application to the SSAN Officers and to the SCDD regional manager for review. If application is accepted on to step 4.

## STEP 4

Either the SSAN Officers or the SCDD Self Advocacy Coordinator will contact you to schedule an over the phone interview. Interview questions are attached.

**STEP 5- You will be contacted with a YES or NO to your application. This process can take up to a couple of months to complete.**



**Questions? Contact the SCDD Self Advocacy Coordinator at:**  
**[Riana.Hardin@scdd.ca.gov](mailto:Riana.Hardin@scdd.ca.gov)** or by phone at 916-263-8196  
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