

**Girls Global Academy  
Board Candidate Form Responses**

Candidate Name: Anita Johnson

State/Territory of Residence: DC

Nominating Member: Karen Venable-Croft

In 500 words or less please tell us a little bit about yourself. Respond in any way you choose, including some professional history, general biography, or even just personal reflections.

My name is Anita Johnson. I am originally from the Washington DC Metro Area. I have a strong passion for cultural connectivity. As a lifelong learner, I completed my undergraduate studies at Howard University majoring in Anthropology. My need and desire for more education led me to complete a Master's Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Nonprofit Management from The University of the District of Columbia. I have experience in local, state, and national government industries with a strong focus in Human Resources. I have a passion for people and a strong commitment to public service.

In 500 words or less please tell us why you would like to join the governing board of Girls Global Academy. Please also tell us what you think you will contribute and/or any particular things you would like to do as a trustee of the school.

I would like to join the governing board of Girls Global Academy (GGA) for several reasons. I was first introduced to GGA in 2019 at a PTA meeting when my then eighth grade daughter was a student at Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science (MS2) Public Charter School. Co-Founders Shayne and Karen had an information table set up immediately in the entry way of the school. My curious nature led me to the table and we instantly sparked up a conversation. As a strong supporter of school choice much to my surprise I had never heard of GGA, this was because it was a new school planning to open in the Fall of 2020. We discussed the mission and vision and I was sold. I wanted my daughter to have a spot. I was impressed with the four pillars of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and safety. GGA is force that is here to stay in DC. GGA gives our girls an opportunity to be visible in the community. Having an opportunity to join the board and contribute to the continual success of the future of GGA is an opportunity for greatness. Joining the governing board will allow me to utilize my knowledge and skills in the public sector. I would like to contribute in anyway possible, but specifically in the community outreach committee. I believe that through high visibility community engagement GGA can gain more visibility giving more girls in all eight wards an opportunity to attend DC's premier first and only all girls public charter high school.