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## Board and Commission Application

### Step 1

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Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Boards and Commissions

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#### Public Statement

*THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public board or commission, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All board and commission members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.*

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Title *Field not completed.*

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First Name Shawna

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Last Name DeKriek

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Today's Date 1/18/2022

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Street Address 417 Fishtrap Way

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City Lynden

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Zip 98264

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Do you live in & are you registered to vote in Whatcom County? Yes

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Do you have a different mailing address? *Field not completed.*

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Primary Telephone 3603190771

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Secondary Telephone *Field not completed.*

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Email Address dekriek3@yahoo.com

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### Step 2

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1. Name of Board or Lynden/Everson Flood Control Sub-Zone Advisory Committee

## Committee

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2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying?

Yes

3. Which Council district do you live in?

District 4

4. Are you a US citizen?

Yes

5. Are you registered to vote in Whatcom County?

Yes

6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county?

No

7. Have you ever been a member of this Board/Commission?

No

8. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County?

No

You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions

*Field not completed.*

9. Please describe your occupation (or former

I graduated BTC's Dental Assisting Program in 2004 and afterwards studied Behavioral Science at Ashford University. I

occupation if retired),  
qualifications,  
professional and/or  
community activities,  
and education

worked in general and pediatric dentistry as well as Oral Surgery. I now work in elder care and as a bookkeeper for the small trucking business my husband and I own. When we started our trucking business six years ago, our first contract was hauling racking (large trees with the root balls still attached) for salmon restoration to the Upper Nooksack River Forks. This was a two year contract with the Lummi Tribe. Note: We no longer have this contract to haul racking it was a two year project that ended 4 years ago.

My community interests and activities are further described in question number ten. But to summarize, my interests are in the history of Whatcom County and preserving space for everyone, from all walks of life, to enjoy this place as they desire.

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10. Please describe  
why you're interested  
in serving on this board  
or commission

We all came here to make this our home at different times from different places. My interest is literally in my blood. I am a life long citizen of Whatcom County. I am part Nooksack Indian, so my lineage has been here as long as we can trace. In addition, three of my great grandfathers came in the late 1800's and homesteaded along the Nooksack River. One of those Great Grandfather's migrated from the East coast to Alberta Canada for a generation, and then to the North Fork of the Nooksack River to homestead in 1888. This homestead is still in the family. Another great grandfather was a Nooksack Indian, born in Canada, who homesteaded at Northwood through the Indian Homestead Act of 1884. And yet another—who we trace our lineage back to the Mayflower through—came in the 1880's from Virginia to Homestead next to the Nooksack River in Kendall.

In addition to these generational connections, you may know, I run (sometimes wrangle is more like it) the Nooksack River Flooding Disaster Group on Facebook. I oversee managing 11,300 people with differing opinions. I have maintained a steady, even, fair approach to managing differences and conflict there—while encouraging unity. It has been a good experience and I would like to continue my contributions to finding solutions to the flooding in Whatcom County as a member of this committee. The Nooksack River, it's tributaries, and drainage areas require a multifaceted approach by a diverse committee of people with ideas that represent the needs and safety of our community as a whole.

Thank you for your time in considering my application. I am invested in living and growing in this incredible place we get to call home and look forward to the opportunity of collaborating with you on this committee.

Shawna DeKriek

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References (please

Alexandra Williams - Community outreach (360) 441-5838

include daytime  
telephone number):

Sara Thompson - Direct supervisor of elder care (786) 385-4282

Nick DeKriek - My husband (a supportive spouse) (360) 739-  
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Signature of applicant:

Shawna DeKriek

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Place Signed /  
Submitted

Lynden, Washington

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