



## BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATION

### Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board)

The Thrive Upstate Board meets at 4:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of each month at 1700 Ridge Road, Greenville.

#### Personal Information

Name:	James Bello	Birthdate:	
Prefix:	Mr.	City/State/Zip:	
Home Address:		Phone #:	
Email:		Driver's License #:	
Voter Registration #:		Occupation:	Asset protection
Employer:	Walmart	School Attended:	Katherine Gibbs
Highest Degree Earned:	Some college	Field of Study:	Graphic design advertising
Year of Graduation:		Social Media Profile:	
Linked In Profile:			

#### Experience / Certifications / Interest

**Military Experience:**  
NA

**Certifications:**  
NA

**Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:**  
NA

**Volunteer Experience (please list and describe):**  
NA

**My interest in serving on the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board) is:**  
Father of 2 special needs children

**Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:**  
To protect our children and to help them thrive to the best of there ability

**Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board):**  
I've been a father of 2 autistic children I've been through therapy with them I've learned to adapt and grow to at a quick pace to adapt to them and have acquired the ability to recognize triggered and stims

**My community topics of concern that relate to the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board) are:**  
To be able to prevent another senless death from a broken negligent school system

#### Other elected or appointed offices / Ethics / Legal

Do you **currently** hold an elected or appointed office or commission?  
*If yes, please list:*  Yes  No

Have you **previously** held an elected or appointed office or commission?  
*If yes, please list:*  Yes  No

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation?  
*If yes, please explain:*  Yes  No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?  
*If yes, please give details:*  Yes  No

Are you currently, or have you ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County?  
*If yes, please explain:*  Yes  No

### Additional Questions

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check?  Yes  No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board)?  Yes  No

Have you attended a meeting of the Thrive Upstate (formerly Disabilities and Special Needs Board)?  Yes  No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to boards and commissions?  Yes  No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position?  Yes  No

### Conflict of Interest

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board?  
*If yes, please explain:*  Yes  No

Do you or a member of your immediate family receive direct services from this board?  
*If yes, please explain:*  Yes  No

Do you or a member of your immediate family financially benefit from the actions of this board?  
*If yes, please explain:*  Yes  No

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board?  
*If yes, please explain:*  Yes  No

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?  
*If yes, please explain:*  Yes  No

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?  
*If yes, please explain:*  Yes  No

### Statement of Agreement and Understanding

**Electronic Signature Agreement.** By selecting the "Submit" button, you are signing this Application electronically (e-signature), you agree your "e-signature" is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Application. Additionally, you agree to and attest to the following:

*All information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

*I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the County Council office.*

*I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the seat for which I am applying.*

*I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a year may result in my removal from the board.*

*I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq., and any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act may be subject for removal.*

*I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.*

**Signature:** James Thomas Bello jr

**Date:** 9/25/2024

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.