Ozark Action, Inc.
Board of Directors Nomination Form

This form shall be completed for all nominations for service to the Ozark Action, Inc. (OAI) Board of Directors. Each nomination will be considered by the Board’s Nominating Committee in recommending replacements for any and all vacancies that occur, with final selections determined by the full Board through election. Nominations will be retained and considered until such time that it is determined that the nominee is no longer available for service.

Board members must reside in the County they wish to represent. They are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings currently held the forth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Public Sector representatives must be elected or appointed officials.

Private Sector representatives must represent a private organization of influence within the county represented.

Low-Income representatives may be from those receiving services or may be other individuals who can work effectively on behalf of the needs of the low-income.

Name of Nominee: __________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________________________

Sector of Influence Nominated for:

___ Public
___ Private
___ Low-Income

Name of Group/Individual Making Nomination:

_______________________________________________________
(Organization)

_______________________________________________________
(Contact Person)

Address: ___________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________________________

Nominee’s County of Residence:

___ Douglas
___ Howell
___ Oregon
___ Ozark
___ Texas
___ Wright

Authorized Signature of Person Making This Nomination:

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Signature

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Date

Officer Title (if nominated by an organization)

Attached Pages 2 and 3 must be completed by the nominee.
1. Describe your interest in serving on the OAI Board of Directors.

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2. Describe your relationships, understanding, and/or previous endeavors on behalf of the low-income persons, to assist them to become more fully self-sufficient.

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3. Describe the contributions you can provide in policy development and policy oversight to the Community Action Agency programs and how you will assist staff to ensure their implementation.

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4. Signature of the Community Action Code of Ethics for Board Members is required for Board membership. Please sign the attached (page 3). This is renewable upon election to the board.
COMMUNITY ACTION CODE OF ETHICS FOR BOARD MEMBERS

We, as Ozark Action, Inc. (OAI) Board members representing a community action agency, dedicate ourselves to eliminating poverty in the midst of plenty in this nation by opening to everyone the opportunity to work; and the opportunity to live in decency and dignity; and with respect for cultural diversity, commit ourselves to:

1. Recognize that the chief function of OAI at all times is to serve the best interests of the poor, thereby serving the best interest of all people.

2. Accept as a personal duty the responsibility to keep up to date on emerging issues and to conduct ourselves with competence, fairness, impartiality, efficiency and effectiveness.

3. Respect the structure and responsibilities of the Board of Directors as delineated in the OAI By-laws; commit to regular Board meeting attendance, be guided by the OAI Mission and Goals, represent OAI positively in the community and adhere to this Board Member Code of Ethics; and, except that OAI professional staff will provide the Board of Directors with facts and advice as a basis for their making policy decisions and will uphold and implement policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

4. Assist staff to keep the community informed about issues affecting the poor; facilitate communications between the poor, locally elected public officials and the non-poor private sector.

5. Conduct organizational duties with positive leadership exemplified by open communication, creativity, dedication and compassion.

6. Exercise whatever discretionary authority we have under the law to promote the interests of the poor.

7. Serve OAI and the community action movement with respect, concern, courtesy and responsiveness, recognizing that service to the poor is beyond service to oneself.

8. Demonstrate the highest standards of personal integrity, honesty, truthfulness and fortitude in all our OAI activities in order to inspire confidence and trust in the community action movement.

9. Serve in such a way that we do not realize undue personal gain from the performance of our duties.

10. Avoid any interest or activity, which is in conflict with the conduct of official duties.

11. Respect and protect privileged information to which we have access in the course of official duties.

12. Strive for personal excellence and encourage the development of our volunteer associates.

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Signature                     Date