Position Description

Job Title: Director of Finance  
Reports to: Vice President of Operations  
Date Revised: November 1, 2023

Organization

Rasmuson Foundation, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people throughout Alaska. The Foundation awards grants to Alaska-based nonprofits, government entities, tribes, and individual artists to promote a better life for all Alaskans.

Summary/Objective

The Director of Finance has primary staff responsibility for the management, reporting and record-keeping of the financial activity of the Foundation, including the preparation of budgets, budget-actual analysis, payout, and tax returns and audits. This position works with the leadership and staff to accomplish goals, including a vibrant, collaborative work culture.

Essential Responsibilities

- Responsible for the Foundation’s financial operating system and environment, including grant payout.

- Approves check, electronic transfer, and out-going wire disbursements.

- Oversees internal control and conflict of interest policy compliance for the finance staff.

- Monitors financial operations to identify potential self-dealing and conflict of interest issues, alerting executive leadership with any concerns.

- Responsible for monthly budget-actual analysis for operational and grant payout to the President & CEO and executive team.

- Develops and provides needed reports and analysis to staff and leadership.

- Reviews and approves all the financial aspects of all payroll activities and associated regulatory filings.

- Manages audit and tax preparation relationship with independent contractor(s).

- Responsible for the preparation of the annual budget, foundation payout, tax return schedules and audit responses as needed.
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Qualifications

- Alignment with the Foundation’s mission and vision.

- A minimum of 10 years of experience handling different aspects of an organization’s financial activities, and three years or more of management experience, including presenting financial information at the executive level.

- Proven accounting technical expertise and ability to manage deadlines.

- Experience with foundation financial systems and non-profit tax reporting preferred.

- Results in relationship building within a cross-functional team.

- Licensure as a Certified Public Accountant.

Educational Requirements

- Master’s Degree or above in an applicable discipline desired. Experience can substitute.

Position Competencies

- Work product reflects high degree of accuracy, understanding of how tasks fit into the big picture, and sound reasoning consistent with accepted principles of accounting.

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

- High proficiency with office management systems and procedures, standard office equipment, and collaborative software, including Microsoft Office, Teams, and others.

- Self-motivated. Strong organizational skills, ability to manage several projects at once.

- Bridge-building ability to establish a network and collaborate with staff across the Foundation.

- Good judgment and integrity.

- Strong listening skills, demonstrated through problem-solving and applicable solutions.
Leadership Competencies

- A service orientation.
- A commitment to enabling individual and team success.
- Proven ability to influence vertically and horizontally.
- Role models ethics and professionalism.
- Drives staff development plan for finance staff to assure competency in job performance, cross-training and professional growth.
- Coaches and develops both direct reports and the broader team.