

Hardy Girls Healthy Women (HGHW) takes girls and gender expansive youth seriously. We put the power in their hands to challenge a society that ignores their brilliance. We dare adult allies to join us.

## Why the asterisk?

We use an asterisk to indicate that we welcome and celebrate the inclusivity of all girls and gender expansive youth. Gender is a social construct and for centuries it's held onto a binary (boys & girls) system. HGHW does not believe in the binary, but knows the deep history of systemic sexism and transphobia has uniquely harmed self-identifying girls and gender expansive folks. This is who we work with. As consistently learning intersectional feminists, we welcome and celebrate folks across all identities, abilities, races, ethnicities, religions, economic statuses and sexual orientations.

## Why did you change the name from G\*rls Advisory Board (GAB) to Feminist Action Board (FAB)?

The 2021-22 cohort of GAB voted in early 2022 to change the name to the Feminist Action Board (FAB) because (1) it better represents the gender diversity & inclusive values of Hardy Girls and FAB, and (2) it encompasses members' passion for feminism, social justice, and youth activism.

## What is the Feminist Action Board (FAB)?

FAB is a group of Maine high schoolers (9th-12th grade) from around the state who are passionate about gender equity and social justice. Members plan and execute three regional G\*rls Rock! Conferences, do community outreach and education, maintain a social media presence, and work closely with the Board of Directors and staff to make sure that all HGHW programs remain relevant. There is no cost to participate in FAB.

## Who makes up the FAB?

16-20 Maine high school girls and gender expansive youth from all around the state.

## When & where does FAB meet?

We meet on the first Sunday of each month. We will meet in a hybrid model alternating between in-person and virtual meetings. The first in-person retreat is scheduled for the weekend of August 27 and 28. In-person meetings alternate between Waterville and Portland, and we organize carpools for every meeting. Outside of the meetings, FABbers spend about 5 hours a month on all things Hardy G\*rls Healthy WOM\*n, with the time commitment increasing around conferences in March and April.

## Applications will close at 11:59 PM on Wednesday June 15, 2022.

Next steps will be announced in early July and the annual FAB kick-off retreat will be held on August 27-28 (ME location TBD)

Please email pictures of this completed application to [program@hghw.org](mailto:program@hghw.org) or complete online at [hghw.org](http://hghw.org)

# FEMINIST ACTION BOARD

**Applications are due June 15, 2022.**  
**You can also apply online at [hghw.org/fab-application](https://hghw.org/fab-application)**

NAME (FIRST AND LAST) *			PRONOUNS
ADDRESS *			
CITY *	STATE *	ZIP CODE *	
EMAIL *	PHONE *	BIRTHDATE *	
SCHOOL *	SCHOOL LOCATION *	GRADE (IN FALL 2021) *	
PARENT/GUARDIAN #1 NAME *	EMAIL *	PHONE *	
PARENT/GUARDIAN #2 NAME	EMAIL	PHONE	

## REFERENCES

Please list two people who would be able to comment on your strengths and weaknesses. Preferably people who are not related to you. Maybe a teacher or coach or someone you worked for. After your interview, FAB members reach out to these folks to hear more about you.

REFERENCE #1 NAME *			EMAIL *
RELATIONSHIP TO YOU (TEACHER, BOSS, COACH, ETC.) *			PHONE
REFERENCE #2 NAME *			EMAIL *
RELATIONSHIP TO YOU (TEACHER, BOSS, COACH, ETC.) *			PHONE

\*INDICATES A REQUIRED FIELD

Please respond to all of the following questions.  
Attach a separate sheet with answers if you need more room.

Why do you want to join FAB and what are you hoping to learn? \*

We try to represent all kinds of young people from Maine. What are some things that you can offer to FAB? What makes your perspective and experience unique? \*

How do you share your ideas and perspectives? And how do you express yourself? Maybe you write or share content or dance or draw... \*

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We really want to know what makes you tick. Nothing makes us happier than learning about young people and their uniqueness. So, here are a couple more questions that could help us get to know you even better. \*\*Please answer one or more of the following questions.

Each year FAB puts on workshops for 4th-8th graders at the G\*rls Rock! Conferences. What experiences do you have working with younger kids? What was that like for you?

What does feminism mean to you? Do you consider yourself a feminist? Why or why not?

Our tagline is 'cause a ruckus'. What does a ruckus mean to you? Do you consider yourself an activist? Why or why not?

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

