



**Name:** Ashley Reider

**A brief biography (150 words or less):**

I am a former police officer who just graduated from UW Oshkosh with a degree in accounting. I currently work with KerberRose CPAs, but will start a job with the FDIC at the end of March. In my free time, I enjoy gardening, homebrewing and playing with my dog, Marshall Law.

**What would you bring/offer to the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board? (1-2 paragraphs)**

I have a strong passion for community service which I brought to my role during my time as President of the UWO Accounting Club and Beta Alpha Psi. My experience includes government and nonprofit auditing and I am in the process of obtaining my CPA and CMA licenses. I hope to bring this passion to another organization that has a major impact on the community while providing the oversight expected from an established organization.



**What is your dream for the Oshkosh Food Co-op? (1-2 paragraphs)**

If chosen to serve on the board, I hope to join the audit committee and help uphold the high standards expected for nonprofit organizations. I would love to see the coop be able to open another location and be able to increase the accessibility of its services to a wider area.

**Why do you think the Oshkosh Food Co-op is important to the greater Oshkosh Community? (1-2 paragraphs)**

When I lived in Milwaukee, I was a member of the Outpost Food Co-op and I truly valued the ability to have local, nutritious food options that were sustainable. I really appreciated being able to support local vendors and supporting the community. The Oshkosh Food Co-op brings these principles to the Oshkosh community. I think coops can play an incredible role in building the community and making food accessible to areas that were previously considered food deserts.

**Why cooperatives? (1-2 paragraphs)**

Cooperatives rely on memberships and in turn they offer support to the community. I have found nonprofits to play a significant role in filling the needs of the community. With coops, instead of making profits for shareholders, they reinvest profits in the community. This offers the potential for the community to improve, encourages residents to live healthier lives, and offers the opportunity for everyone to prosper.

**Please offer any additional thoughts you would like Oshkosh Food Co-op member-owners to know about you. (1-2 paragraphs)**

It is my goal to serve on the board of a nonprofit I can believe in. I have a strong sense of integrity and fairness and I find nonprofits to be a major player in making life more fair for those in need. My Accounting Professor from UW Oshkosh recommended the Oshkosh Food Co-op because she knew there was a need for a Treasurer and that the Oshkosh Food Coop would be a great opportunity for me to bring my unique set of skills to a reputable nonprofit organization.

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