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I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Nominations Committee. With a strong commitment to fostering excellence and diversity within our organization, I believe my background and experiences uniquely position me to contribute effectively to this vital role.

I have six years of experience in the financial services industry, specializing in hedge funds and insurance. I am currently an Associate at the Blackstone Group within the Multi-Asset Investing department. In my current role, I have experience working with stakeholders across the firm and have also contributed to events organized by the charitable foundation and diversity equity and

inclusion council. My previous roles include Senior Associate at SS&C GlobeOp and Portfolio Underwriter at Chubb. I graduated from Rutgers University with a bachelor's degree in finance. I am also a CFA charter holder and a member of the CFA Society of New York.

My involvement with the CFA Society of New York started out as a general member after receiving my charter in February 2022. In 2023, I began to actively volunteer with the Young Leaders Group as a vice chair and moved into a chair position in 2024. My achievements as chair of the Young Leaders Group include organizing happy hours for member networking, establishing a Level II mentorship program for exam candidates, and hosting a speed networking event for college students.

I am looking to combine my professional and interest group volunteer experience to contribute to the society. I have been involved in the professional hiring process for team members and have experience identifying excellent candidates for job openings. I assessed candidates, not only for their qualifications, but also for their alignment with our organizational goals.

I am particularly passionate about ensuring that our nomination process is transparent and inclusive. I believe that a diverse leadership team is essential for fostering innovation and addressing the complex challenges we face. By actively seeking out candidates from varied backgrounds and experiences, we can create a more dynamic and effective leadership structure.

I possess strong communication and interpersonal skills, which I believe are essential for building consensus and fostering collaboration within the committee. I am adept at facilitating discussions, listening to diverse viewpoints, and synthesizing information to make informed recommendations. My ability to navigate complex dynamics will enable me to contribute positively to the committee's work.

In conclusion, I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Nominations Committee and to contribute to the ongoing success of our organization. I am committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity and excellence in the nominations process. If elected, I will bring my collaborative spirit and analytical skills to the board. I look forward to the possibility of working alongside my fellow committee members to identify and recommend exceptional candidates who will lead our organization into the future. I understand the critical role that the Nominations Committee plays in shaping the future of our organization, and I am eager to contribute.