

Nexstar Debate Participation Criteria  
Effective April 1, 2019

Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. is committed to hosting fair and open debates among qualified candidates as part of the Company's mission to inform the public and assist voters in making important electoral decisions. To determine who is a qualified candidate, the Company has adopted the following objective and non-discriminatory criteria to govern which candidates are eligible to participate in Company-sponsored debates. In order to be eligible to participate, a candidate must comply with all five sections of this policy.

1. A candidate must be legally qualified and (x) listed on the ballot for the office the candidate is seeking or (y) be a write-in candidate who meets all of the legal qualifications required by the federal, state or municipal government for the office being sought and has filed the appropriate papers for write-in status.
2. A candidate must have publicly announced his or her candidacy in a public forum. For the purposes of this section, "public forum" includes an announcement of candidacy on the Internet.
3. A candidate must be actively campaigning for election in the jurisdiction he or she is seeking to represent for the office he or she is seeking. To meet the definition of an active campaign, a candidate must engage in at least five of the following:
  - a. A campaign headquarters with a paid and/or volunteer staff that is open to the public during business hours. For the purposes of this subsection, a campaign headquarters may not be a private residence, but may be a business address used primarily for non-campaign purposes; and
  - b. A campaign phone line; and
  - c. A publicized, dedicated candidate-specific website or web page; and
  - d. Planned in-district appearances or invitations to appear and/or speak at public gatherings; and
  - e. Monetary contributions and a campaign treasurer; and
  - f. Campaign literature; and
  - g. Press coverage identifying the candidate as a candidate in the current election by at least eight unique news reports in media (e.g. newspapers, TV, cable news, radio, or online news websites that are recognized by local and/or national media; note however, blogs are not considered news reports, whether affiliated or unaffiliated).
4. A candidate must have received a minimum of 5 percent for a primary election, or 10 percent for a general election, support in an established, professionally conducted nonpartisan poll chosen by Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., without taking the survey's margin of error into account. The poll must be released within 120-days prior to the primary or general election, as applicable. If there is no poll available, the rest of the document will govern who will be invited to the debate.
5. A candidate for a state or federal office must have reported, on the most recent official forms filed with the appropriate election authority, accepting at least \$50,000 in monetary, as opposed to in-kind, campaign contributions, at least 25 percent of which must be raised from in-state constituents. For local offices, a candidate must have reported, on official forms filed with the appropriate election authority, having accepted at least \$15,000 in campaign contributions.

6. Nexstar Broadcasting Inc. and its affiliates, employees, agents and servants shall not guarantee to any candidate or candidate's campaign, verbally or in writing, that the candidate will be included in a debate until the requirements of this policy, and each of them, have been satisfied to the satisfaction of Nexstar Broadcasting Inc. and its affiliates.
7. With the voter's interest in mind, if unforeseen circumstances should happen leading up to a scheduled debate, Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. reserves the right to modify or change the criteria based on the best interests of the electorate.

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Campaign Representative  
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