

# CANDIDATE READINESS

## QUESTIONNAIRE

(Adapted for the GOP)



For questions or assistance with this form please contact:

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Please Enter Your Scores from the Political Skills Typology Self-Assessment:

Social Astuteness	_____
Interpersonal Influence	_____
Networking	_____
Sincerity	_____
Total Score	_____
Political Typology	_____

## Candidate Readiness Questionnaire (GOP) – Part A

This questionnaire is designed to help the GOP gather information necessary to guide you in your candidacy and vet you for formal endorsement. Please reflect closely on not only the content of each question but your feelings and personal assessment as you complete the questions and tasks.

Please fill out every question thoroughly and give considerable reflection to your answers.

Full Name	
Full Address	
Email Address	
Phone Number(s)	
Are you a registered Republican and is your registration active?	
For which public office to you intend to run?	

1. What do you perceive to be the primary responsibilities of that position?	
2. Please describe your primary motivating factor(s) for running for office.	

**3. How many hours a week do you plan to dedicate to your campaign? How will you manage that time commitment along with your other life commitments? Does your family support this candidacy and how will they help?**

**4. With whom have you discussed your intent to run for office? Please describe their reaction and how they will support you.**

**5. Please describe what you expect from the GOP as you enter this campaign. Have you discussed your desire to run with anyone in the party and what was the outcome of that?**

**6. Please describe your work experience and the skills you take from that which you can leverage during your candidacy and once elected.**

<p><b>7. Have you ever run for office before? If so what seat and when?</b></p>	
<p><b>10. What was the outcome of your last campaign and what actions and conditions do you consider to be responsible for the results of that candidacy?</b></p>	
<p><b>8. If Yes to #7, did you receive candidate training?</b></p>	
<p><b>9. Would you be interested in candidate training for this race?</b></p>	
<p><b>11. Please describe what it means to you to be a Republican and to represent Republican values and/or the Republican platform.</b></p>	
<p><b>12. How much money do you plan to budget for your campaign and roughly how do you plan to use it? What is your rationale for your budget plan? How much of that money are you willing to loan or contribute to your campaign?</b></p>	

## Candidate Readiness Questionnaire (GOP) – Part B

1. Please phone, or speak in person to, 5 people (not family) and share with them that you are “thinking of running” for office. Please explain to them how much money you plan (hypothetically) to raise and share with them the contribution limits for your seat. Your goal is to obtain a verbal commitment of a dollar amount they will contribute to your campaign if you should run. *Please report what responses you got, how successful you felt doing this, and how you felt about asking people for contributions to your campaign.*

Sample Script: “Hello Joe, it is Jane, I am calling to let you know I am considering running for State Representative this year. (Succinctly share why this is important to you.) Based on my research, I will need to raise about \$15k to run an effective campaign. The contribution limit for my campaign is \$400 per person. Can I count on you for a maximum contribution if I run?”

Findings:

2. Public presence, the ability to speak impromptu, and branding yourself is very important to a campaign for public office. Successful candidates run a multimedia approach to branding. Social media and an online presence can be an integral part of a campaign. In order to assess how comfortable you are speaking to an invisible audience, please prepare a 5 minute “speech” or vlog about what you consider to be the 3 most important issues your community faces and briefly how you think they should be addressed. Please pick issues that are specific to the office for which you are running. Do not expressly announce that you are running for office, any public declaration of a candidacy should only come when you are prepared to officially register your candidacy with the Secretary of State or Governing Body. Record your speech LIVE on a social media format such as Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter and make it public. *Please report how you felt doing this and your assessment of how well you performed this task. Please also share an active link to the vlog so that the committee can view what you did.*

Link:

Findings:

- 3. Understanding what your job will be if elected is part of making an informed decision about whether you want to run for office. Please arrange to visit/observe/participate in a session of the commission/board/legislator for which you plan to run. If there is no session available/active please contact someone who is serving or has served in that role and ask to interview them briefly. *Please report your reflections on the position including how you think you will do in that role and why, any concerns or questions you have, and any new motivation you got to run.***

**Findings:**