



Write-in candidate policy for Vote411

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All candidates for state-wide races, US Congressional races, or State Legislative races who are on the ballot will automatically be included on vote411.org.

For races in odd years that are run locally, [vote411](http://vote411.org) inclusion will be up to local leagues. If local leagues include write-in candidates for local races in odd years, we suggest that the local league have their own write-in candidate policy that they make public.

In order for a write-in candidate (a candidate who is running a write-in campaign but will not be on the printed ballot) to be included on [vote411](http://vote411.org) in state-wide races, US Congressional races, or State Legislative races, the candidate or nominating party must contact the League **no later than 2 weeks prior to an election**, show that they have publicly announced their campaign, provide their email address, and meet at least **one** of the following criteria:

1. Be nominated by a party recognized in PA (for example, Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, Keystone, or Green)
2. If they are not nominated by a party (e.g., running as an independent), the candidate must show an existence of a campaign committee and position papers, evidence of fundraising for the campaign, or evidence of campaign literature and campaign appearances.
3. If the candidate is running for a seat in a local league's district for US Congress or State Legislature and meets their local league's write-in candidate criteria, LWVPA may put a write-in candidate on [vote411](http://vote411.org) based on a local league's vetting and recommendation.

The responsibility of contacting the League and providing evidence of meeting the above criteria falls entirely on the candidate or the party nominating the candidate.

Important note on printed materials: Printed material deadlines are set much earlier than 2 weeks prior to an election. Write-in candidates can only be included in printed guides for voters if they submit information before those deadlines, often 4-10 weeks before the election depending on local schedules. Consequently, while they may be included on vote411.org if they meet the above criteria 2 weeks prior to an election, it is recommended that they contact the League much earlier if they want to be included in printed materials.