

ELECTION OF NRA DIRECTORS

2023-2024 INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS BY *PETITION*

A. WHO MAY BE NOMINATED

A qualified member who is a citizen of the United States and has attained the age of 18 years and is a fully paid Life member who is **entitled to vote and has been a lifetime member for a minimum of 5 years at the time of nomination**. Any signature obtained before the prospective nominee is qualified to hold office will be ruled invalid.

B. WHEN MAY YOU QUALIFY

1. Signatures may be collected on official forms after the adjournment of the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members on April 15, 2023. Signatures obtained prior to the adjournment of the 2023 Annual Meeting of Members on April 15, 2023 will be ruled invalid.
2. Petitions must be received by November 7, 2023.

C. WHERE TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL PETITION PACKETS

1. Obtain official petition forms, official permission card and petition instructions from the Office of the Secretary.
2. The Secretary's Office shall issue instructions outlining the guidelines and procedures for nomination of directors by petition, which must be adhered to.
3. All nominees must fill out, sign and return the official permission card (which may not be duplicated) in order to authorize petitions to be circulated on their behalf.
4. The nominee's written permission must be on file with the Secretary by the deadline for receipt of petitions (November 7, 2023).

D. WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL PETITION FORM

1. Official petition forms are initially provided ONLY by the Secretary's Office and may be used to collect petition signatures and may not be altered.
2. They may ONLY be duplicated in the size of 8½" x 11". If this form is posted online, readers should be advised to print it only on 8 ½" x 11" paper in "landscape" orientation.
3. At the nominee's discretion and with his/her approval, the petition may contain a brief resume on the blank, reverse side.

E. PETITION NOMINEE

1. Please refer to A. WHO MAY BE NOMINATED.
2. Petitions may be circulated only for individuals who are qualified to hold the Office of Director.
3. All spaces must be completed based on the proposed nominee's principal place of residence.

F. PETITION SPONSOR

1. Any member ("sponsor") may submit to the Secretary petitions calling for the nomination of a qualified member to the Board of Directors.
2. The name of the sponsor must be indicated on each sheet of the petition and all relevant spaces completed.
3. The sponsor may be an affiliated organization.
4. The sponsor may also be the nominee.

G. PETITION CIRCULATOR

1. The name of the person circulating the petition sheet should be indicated on each sheet of the petition.
2. The petition circulator may be an organizational member or an individual member.
3. The petition circulator may also be the nominee or sponsor.

H. PETITION SIGNATORIES

1. Petitions must bear the valid signatures of voting members equal to 0.5% of the valid ballots cast in the 2023 Board election, which is 378.
2. No more than one signature by any member shall be counted on an official petition for any one candidate.
3. Only original handwritten signatures (not typed variations or electronic copies) on official petition forms shall be counted (no cut and paste).
4. No single petition sheet shall contain the name of more than one proposed nominee.
5. Those who sign **MUST** include their NRA membership identification number, name, address, city, state, signature and date of signing on the same line as the signature, or the signature will be invalid.
6. However, nominees and sponsors may call NRA Membership at (866) 672-3000 to obtain member I.D. numbers for those who do not include them when signing the petition. When calling the toll free number, it is important to give the person who answers the last name, address and zip code as it is carried on the NRA membership record (including titles "Jr.," "Sr.," etc.) in order for them to furnish the proper identification number. Staff is only permitted to give identification numbers, and may not indicate voting status. Duration of each call may not exceed (15) fifteen minutes.
7. Not more than five petition nominees shall be from any one state during any one year. If more than five are submitted, the five with the greatest number of valid signatures will be nominated.
8. The NRA Secretary will determine the validity of all petitions received and the eligibility of all signatories. **DO NOT** redline petitions before submitting them!
9. **All petition signature pages must be submitted by the proposed nominee and returned to: Secretary, National Rifle Association of America, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-9400, ATTN: Candidate Petitions. Received petitions will be disqualified if it is determined that they are not forwarded directly by the actual nominee.**
10. During the petition process, neither the NRA Secretary nor any member of the NRA staff, may add or alter any information on the petitions.
11. It is the responsibility of the PETITION NOMINEE to ensure his/her PETITION SPONSOR(s) or PETITION CIRCULATOR(s) are aware of these guidelines to obtain valid signatures on the official petition forms.

Additional information on nominations by petition, recommendations to the Nominating Committee and the entire Director election process, will appear in the July 2023 Official Journals.

