



Application to Sponsor Gubernatorial Election Debate(s)

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FORM - DS

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Full name of organization:

Primary

General

Address of organization:

Name and title of individual responsible for
administration of debate(s):

Organization telephone number:

Individual telephone number:

1. Is your organization affiliated with any political party or with any holder of or candidate for public office?

YES

NO

2. Does your organization agree not to make any endorsement in the Gubernatorial Election until the completion of all debate(s) which it may be selected to sponsor?

YES

NO

3. Describe the purpose and structure of your organization:

4. Describe your organization's experience in sponsoring televised debates among candidates for New Jersey statewide office:

5. Would your organization be willing to sponsor more than one Gubernatorial Election Debate?

YES

NO

6. Indicate proposed time and date of the broadcast of the debate(s):

7. State the specific television and radio stations and other media outlets which have committed to air, broadcast, or simulcast the debate(s), and the specific New Jersey counties and the number of households reached by those specific television and radio stations and other media outlets:

8. State the specific television and radio stations and other media outlets which have committed to rebroadcast the debate(s), and the specific dates and times of such rebroadcasts:

9. State plans for coverage of the debate(s) by media outlets broadcasting in a foreign language:

10. Indicate the location of the debate(s), and a description of the building or facility, including legal seating capacity and accessibility for persons with physical disabilities:

11. State specific description of the format of the debate(s), including plans for interactive exchanges among the candidates and opportunities for the public to direct questions to the candidates:

12. State specific plans, including plans for newspaper advertisements, to disseminate information to the public concerning the date, time, location and media outlets airing or broadcasting the debate(s):

13. List plans for accessibility of the debate(s) to hearing-impaired persons in the broadcast audience:

14. Explain arrangements for a debate moderator(s):

15. List sources of financial support to the organization to underwrite costs associated with the debate(s):

16. Does the organization expect to have an audience present for the debate(s):

YES NO

If the answer is yes, the following information must be provided:

a. The number of persons expected in the audience:

b. The method to be used to select the audience, including information on distribution of tickets:

c. Plans for interaction between the candidates and the audience:

d. Plans for accessibility of the debate to hearing-impaired members of the audience:

17. Does the applicant anticipate imposing an admission fee or ticket price for attendance at the debate?

YES NO

If the answer is yes, provide amount being charged and explain the reason for the charge:

18. I acknowledge responsibility for administration of the debates for the within organization, and if selected by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission to sponsor such debate(s), certify as follows:

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- a. Each debate shall be at least one-hour in duration;
 - b. The Primary Election debate(s) must occur no earlier than the date upon which the ballot for the pending election is finally certified by the Secretary of State to the county clerks, and no later than the 11th day prior to the pending election;
 - c. The General Election debate(s) must occur no earlier than the third Tuesday following the first Monday in September, and no later than the 11th day prior to the pending election.

In the case of an emergency postponement of the debate scheduled on the 11th day prior to the pending election being agreed to by the vote of a majority of the participating candidates, the rescheduled debate shall occur no later than the second calendar day preceding the pending election.

d. I am aware that it shall be the responsibility of the organization to select the date(s), time(s), and location(s) of such debate(s) and to establish the rules for such debate(s) in consultation with the chairpersons of the New Jersey Republican and Democratic State Committees for the Primary Election, or a representative designated by each of the participating candidates for the General Election.

e. I understand that the organization may not be affiliated with any political party or with any holder of or candidate for public office and shall not endorse any current Gubernatorial Election Candidate until the completion of all debate(s) which the organization is selected to sponsor.

Certification

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I may be subject to punishment.

Date

Signature

Print Full Name

Include all supplementary information you deem relevant to your application.