

Project Vote Smart
Political Courage Test Instructions and Biographical Form
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING POLITICAL COURAGE TEST

1. Candidates should use the 'Other or expanded principles' option to clarify or expand their answers or state their position if it is not listed in the options. Please keep these comments within the space provided or on an attached sheet of paper. All answers beyond the format of the Test, including comments written in the margin, will not be included in the database.
2. Do not alter the Test questions. The wording of questions is locked in the database and any changes made cannot be entered.
3. Do not write any answers beyond the word limits. If no word limit is specified, the word limit is 100.
4. Candidates may leave 30% of the issue areas blank.
5. Candidates willing to provide issue information through the Political Courage Test are invited to include any additional position statements they would like. You may submit these via disk or Email to positions@votesmart.org.

The biographical information section is optional. Please fill in only what you are comfortable having citizens know.

The Political Courage Test must be *signed* and in our office by 11:59 pm Mountain Standard Time the day of the deadline.
You may mail, fax, or email the Political Courage Test.

We encourage candidates to complete the Political Courage Test online at: <https://secure.votesmart.org/pct>.

PROJECT VOTE SMART DOES NOT PERMIT THE USE OF ITS NAME, THE POLITICAL COURAGE TEST, OR ANY OF ITS OTHER PROGRAMS IN ANY PARTISAN CAMPAIGN ADVERTISING OR ACTIVITY.

Name: _____ Sex: Male Female
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name Jr, Sr, Etc (Circle One)

Party: Democrat Republican Other _____
(Circle One)

Current Office: US Senate US House Governor State Senate State House State Assembly
(Circle One)

State _____ District _____

Date First Elected to Current Office _____ Date Last Elected _____ Date Next Election _____

(Please explain if legislator was appointed to current office or if years of service are not continuous.)

Home City and State _____

Birth Date _____ Birth City and State _____

Nicknames _____

Religion _____

Family Information

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed Other _____
(Circle One)

Name of Spouse _____

Occupation _____

Date of Anniversary _____

Number of Children _____ Children's Names _____

Additional Family Information

Name of Father _____ Occupation _____

Name of Mother _____ Occupation _____

Number of Grandchildren _____ Grandchildren's Names _____

Education (do not list honorary degrees) (list in chronological order starting with most recent)

Degree	Institution	Major	G.P.A	Year
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Professional Experience (Including Military) (list in chronological order starting with most recent)

Position	Company	Dates
Position	Company	Dates
Position	Company	Dates
Position	Company	Dates

Political Experience (Political Offices, Party Involvement) (list in chronological order starting with most recent)

Position	Organization	Dates
Position	Organization	Dates
Position	Organization	Dates
Position	Organization	Dates

Non-Legislative Committees (Caucuses, Advisory Councils/Commissions, and Task Forces) (list in chronological order starting with most recent)

Position	Committee	Dates
Position	Committee	Dates
Position	Committee	Dates
Position	Committee	Dates

Organizations (Civic or Professional Organizations) (list in chronological order starting with most recent)

Position	Organization	Dates
Position	Organization	Dates
Position	Organization	Dates
Position	Organization	Dates

Contact Information

Campaign Address _____
Street

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Campaign Phone (____) _____ Campaign Fax (____) _____

Campaign Email Address _____

Campaign Web Address _____

Additional Campaign Web Addresses (Myspace, Facebook, etc.) _____

Candidate Name (please print): _____ Party: _____

Key Staff Contact Information

A _____
Name _____ Position _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

B _____
Name _____ Position _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

C _____
Name _____ Position _____

Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ (_____) _____ (_____) _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Additional Biographical Information

(We often receive inquiries from publications and citizens on the categories below. Please fill out as many of the following as you are willing or able to do. If you need more space for your answers, please write or type them on an additional sheet of paper.)

Reason for Seeking Public Office _____

Priority Issues _____

Awards Received

Award _____	Year _____
Award _____	Year _____
Award _____	Year _____

Publications _____

Pets (include names) _____

Hobbies/Special Talents _____

First Job _____

First Car _____

Current Car _____

Favorite Food _____

Candidate Name (please print): _____ Party: _____

Favorite Movie _____

Favorite TV Shows _____

Favorite Actor/Actress _____

Favorite Book _____

Favorite Websites _____

Favorite Author _____

Favorite Color _____

Favorite Type of Music _____

Favorite Musician _____

Favorite Sport _____

Favorite Athlete _____

Favorite Vacation Spot _____

Favorite Quote _____

Personal Hero and Why _____

Favorite President and Why _____

Name one thing you would most like to do before you die (besides being President) _____

Person you would most like to meet (dead or alive) and why _____

I have enclosed a recent photo.

(Photos will be scanned onto our web site and cannot be returned.)

Candidate Name (please print): _____ Party: _____