



2020 Endorsement Candidate Guide

The Matriots is a nonpartisan political action committee dedicated to increasing women's participation in the political process at all levels of government in Ohio. We endorse and support women candidates who share our values and demonstrate the vision and ability to conduct a robust, competitive campaign.

Our beliefs:

- » **The well-being of our families, communities, and country is directly impacted by the economic independence, health, and safety of women. Key factors in ensuring the health and safety of females are economic security, dominion over their bodies, access to education, and the ability to live and rear children in a healthy, prosperous environment.**
- » **As this country's majority gender, chief consumers, and lead caregivers of our families, women must support legislation and public policy to control their own well-being and that of their families. Political participation is key to achieving this.**
- » **Women-friendly policy and legislation are vital to good government and will provide a healthy way forward from our present political stalemate.**
- » **We believe that not to act is to act.**

Eligible Candidates

In an effort to best apply our capacity, and to serve our mission to endorse, support and encourage candidates across the state, we will focus our endorsement process in 2020 to women running for:

- county office (including County Administrator, Clerk of Courts, Commissioner, Coroner, County Council, Fiscal Officer, Engineer, Prosecuting Attorney, Recorder, Sheriff, and Treasurer)
- Supreme Court of Ohio
- Ohio House
- Ohio Senate
- Ohio State Board of Education

- In the primary election, The Matriots will focus efforts on competitive primaries.
- The Matriots are not registered to endorse or fund federal campaigns.
- After extensive discussion and review of the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct, The Matriots PAC has declined to make endorsements in judicial races (with the exception of Ohio Supreme Court) in 2020.
- Endorsed candidates Class of 2018 or 2019, must reapply each election cycle.

Endorsed candidates will uphold Matriot values, attend events and be in collaboration with our membership. All candidates extended endorsement will be considered for financial contributions.



Key Dates

Deadline for Primary Election consideration: January 3, 2020

Deadline for General Election consideration: May 30, 2020

Application and Endorsement Process

If you embrace our beliefs and would like our endorsement and/or financial support, please complete and submit the online application (matriotsohio.com/apply) for endorsement consideration. All candidates under consideration for endorsement must submit a completed application by the stated deadline.

The application can be found on The Matriots website. With the exception of Ohio Supreme Court Candidates, all candidates should use the Standard Matriots Application for 2020. Ohio Supreme Court candidates should use the OSC Matriots Application. If you do not have access to a gmail account, you must create an account. Once you have successfully completed the online application, you will receive a confirmation message and an email of your responses. If you do not receive a confirmation message please connect with Elissa Schneider at 614-580-5109 or elissa.schneider@matriotsohio.com

Review of candidate's application will take place after the stated deadline. The Matriots PAC does not consider candidates who have not completed an application. After review of candidate's application, the endorsement committee may advance applicants to a screening interview.

The Matriots PAC has established an endorsement committee for the purpose of evaluating candidates and recommending, where appropriate, support for and/or endorsement of women candidates who embrace our priorities. The Matriots PAC believes it is a great responsibility to support women candidates in their quest for elected office; thus the endorsement committee will conduct its work through the lens of the mission and beliefs of the organization.

The Matriots PAC also considers the following when screening applicants: campaign viability, the level of female representation in the district or office in which she is running for, a demonstrated commitment to public service, and an avowed interest in future campaigns or service to her community.

The Matriots PAC board of directors ultimately votes upon the recommendation of the endorsement committee for endorsement and funding recommendations. The Matriots PAC reserves the right to withdraw their endorsement at any time they see fit upon the recommendation from the endorsement committee and Matriots PAC board of directors.

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