

PBS Wisconsin and Wisconsin Public Radio Political Coverage and Candidate Invitation Criteria

2020 General Election for Justice of the State Supreme Court

PBS Wisconsin/WPR will cover the 2020 spring election for Justice of the State Supreme Court on its public affairs programs based on its good faith journalistic judgment as to what will best serve the interests of the Wisconsin electorate. A candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court running in the general election will be included in a debate produced and broadcast by the Station on a date to be determined, if PBS Wisconsin/WPR can independently determine or the candidate can demonstrate **before 5:00 pm CT on March 2, 2020** that the candidate satisfies the following four (4) criteria:

1. The candidate is a “legally qualified candidate” under FCC guidelines based on the following:
 - a. The candidate has publicly announced his or her intention to run for office, is qualified under applicable law to hold the office, and has qualified for a place on the general election ballot; or
 - b. The candidate has publicly committed to seeking election by the write-in method and documents that he or she is conducting a campaign.
2. The candidate is running an active campaign, demonstrated by:
 - a. Maintaining an active website devoted to the campaign; and
 - b. Having received press coverage (*e.g.*, identification as a candidate for the current election) in at least five (5) unique news stories by bona fide newspapers, radio or television stations, and/or cable news channels; and
3. The candidate has accepted at least \$10,000 in contributions for the current election as documented in filings with the Wisconsin Campaign Finance Information System.
4. If a professionally-conducted public opinion survey by an independent political pollster has been made, the candidate has received five percent (5%) or more of support for the current election, without taking into account the survey’s margin of error.

Notwithstanding its having invited a candidate or candidates to appear, PBS Wisconsin/WPR reserves the right to cancel any scheduled program based on its good faith journalistic judgment that the program should not proceed due to scheduling conflicts, canceled candidate appearances, or for any other reason.