



FAIR DISTRICTS

FORM 15 FAQ

FOR THE CITIZENS NOT POLITICIANS AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN

NEED HELP?

- Reach out to Trevor Martin at tmartin@lwvohio.org.

FOR ORGANIZATIONS

What is this?

- Ohio Redistricting Form 15 Application - Individuals (see it [here](#)) and Form 15 Application: Entities ([here](#)).
- **Citizens Not Politicians** (CNP) needs all volunteers who are coordinating others in signature gathering to fill out the form for individuals **AND** organizations who are partnering with CNP to coordinate others in signature gathering to fill out the form for entities.
- The form states that you may receive or provide compensation for circulating the statewide CNP petition.

Why do we have to fill it out?

- Ohio law requires anyone who gives or receives "compensation" for any efforts toward getting a statewide issue or candidate on the ballot.
 - Read the statute [here](#).
- According to Section 3501.381 of Ohio law, the campaign is required to submit forms for every single team leader collecting signatures for them. To ensure compliance, organizations working with the campaign must also submit a compensation form. Failure to do so could result in invalidating the signatures collected by an organization that did not submit the form.

But my organization is volunteer-based. We are not paying people to support the signature collection process. Why do we have to submit this form?

- In signature campaigns, "compensation" is a loose term. It could include money, but also includes things we wouldn't normally consider as payment.
- Examples of compensation could include campaign swag (like t-shirts, buttons, or pens) or shared amenities (like coffee or snacks).
- Because "compensation" is so broad, we need to be sure that anyone who is helping to oversee signature gathering for the CNP amendment has submitted the form.
- Things we would all do without thinking twice, like giving someone a ride to a signature collection location or letting someone borrow your clipboard for the day, could be considered compensation. We don't want to take any chances.

- Even if a volunteer doesn't accept or provide anything during their time supporting efforts to get our amendment onto the Ohio ballot, the legal broadness of "compensation" means any of us could be accused of inadvertently violating the law, which could result in signatures being thrown out.

I'm president of a local League under the League of Women Voters of Ohio. I'm not personally acting as a regional leader in the signature collection process, and our local League isn't yet participating, either. Do I need to submit a Form 15?

- Yes. All local League leaders must submit both the Form 15 for individuals ([here](#)) and for entities ([here](#)). LL leaders could be presidents, Board members, or other officers.

I'm part of an organization that is collecting signatures, and we are NOT the League of Women Voters and/or Common Cause Ohio. Does my organization need to fill out a Form 15?

- **Are you/members of your organization:**
 - Distributing, collecting, and/or reviewing signature books OR
 - Scheduling, training, dispatching, overseeing other signature gatherers?
- **If yes to either of these:**
 - You/members of the organization need to fill out an Ohio Redistricting Form 15 Application - Individual (see it [here](#))
 - A leader in the organization also needs to fill out both an individual Form 15 for themselves, and an entity Form 15 for your organization, an Ohio Redistricting Form 15 Application - Entity (see it [here](#))
- **If no:**
 - No Form 15 is needed

Step-by-Step Guide to Submitting Form 15: Organizations

Part 1: Complete both the individual ([here](#)) and entity ([here](#)) google forms provided by your Fair Districts, LWV, or Common Cause contact

- Answer all of the form's questions. Be sure to use your full legal name and to double check for typos
- Enter organization name; if organization is a local League, enter League of Women Voters of Ohio
- Upload a picture of your ID: ID can be your driver's license, utility bill, or anything that shows your legal name (It is okay to redact sensitive information)
 - Take a picture of your ID
 - Save that picture to your files, making sure to name the photo so you can easily find it
 - Click the "upload a file" button on the form
 - Click the "browse" button, then search your files for the photo of your ID
 - Do this with both forms
- Click submit

Part 2: Receive the forms to sign via email

- The person following up with the forms will have an email address that ends with [.amt@politics.us](mailto:amt@politics.us)
- There will be **three** total forms in the attachment
 - For individuals: two; one for receiving compensation, the other for providing compensation
 - For entity: one for providing compensation
- **ALL THREE FORMS** need to be:
 - Printed and signed with ink
 - Scanned to your files once you've signed

- a document or photo scanner is needed for this; just taking a picture doesn't work. If you need help, reach out to Trevor at tmartin@lwvohio.org.
- Sent back as attachments in the same email that sent you the forms

CHECKLIST FOR SUBMITTING FORMS

✓	Submit 2 Google form online: for individuals (here) and for entities (here)
✓	Look for an email from an email that ends with .amtpolitics.us : this has the three forms that need signatures
✓	Print the forms
✓	Sign all three forms with ink
✓	Scan all three forms and email them in the same email that sent them to you