

RESOURCES FOR PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES

Trying to decide whether to run or what office to run for?

- Check out *So You Think You Want To Run*, an online short course from the National Democratic Training Committee (www.traindemocrats.org/course-details/93/so-you-think-you-want-to-run/!/)
- Talk to current elected officials - find their contact info at www.waldocountydemocrats.com/elected-officials
- Download a list of elected offices in Waldo County from WDCD's Candidate Resources page www.waldocountydemocrats.com/candidate-resources
- Find out where there are openings this year from WDCD by emailing info@waldocountydemocrats.com
- Talk to Dan Lord, Maine Dems' Local Organizing Director (dlord@mainedems.org or 207-622-6233)

Want to learn more and build your campaign skills?

- Attend one of the *Run Local* sessions held by the Maine Dems (www.mainedems.org/run)
- Connect with the *House Democratic Campaign Committee* (www.maineousedemocrats.com/) or *Senate Democratic Campaign Committee* (www.mainesenate.org/)
- Look into trainings for women candidates offered by *Emerge Maine* (<https://me.emergeamerica.org/candidate-training/>)
- Join a conference call hosted by *Run for Something*, an organization dedicated to recruiting and supporting young, progressive candidates, where you can learn how they can help (<https://runforsomething.net/run/>)
- Scan the wide range of free courses offered by **National Democratic Training Committee** (www.traindemocrats.org/) for candidates and campaign volunteers
- Look into the training collaborative at **Dirtroad Organizing**, a nonpartisan organization founded by former Maine Senator Chloe Maxmin (www.dirtroadorganizing.org/training-collaborative)

Ready to get on the ballot?

- Consult with Waldo County Democrats for general information about how to get on the ballot for the office you're interested in (info@waldocountydemocrats.com)
- For municipal offices and school board positions, check with your town office (find it at www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/munic.html)
- For offices at the county-level, in the State Legislature, or Congress:
 - Consult the Secretary of State's Candidates Procedures, Forms & Reporting webpage at www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/candidate/index.html and get a copy of this year's *Candidate's Guide to Ballot Access*
- Make sure you can answer these questions:
 - What are the qualifications for the office? (such as age and residency)
 - When is the election?
 - How many signatures are needed on your nominating petition?
 - When are nominating petitions due?
 - Who can sign your petition?
- Check with the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices at www.maine.gov/ethics/candidates to find out what financial reporting requirements apply to your race

Looking for help on the campaign trail?

Here are some of the ways local Democrats in Waldo County can help you win!

- Recruit volunteers for your campaign from our database with more than two hundred people who want you to succeed
- Provide a forum for you to meet voters at our events and meetings
- Share your message through our local networks of members and friends
- Help you fundraise with a willing audience of generous local donors
- Support your access to the Dems' voter database
- Offer drop-in office space at our Belfast HQ with fast internet, a good printer, and room for small meetings
- Make recycled yard sign materials available at a very low cost