



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

TO REQUEST PRE-POPULATED FORM WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION, GO [HERE](#)

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 this form. This means that anyone who will be distributing, transporting, or collecting petition booklets that they will not be using for their own personal use needs to submit a Form 15.,
- 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](#).
- Organizations working with the campaign must also submit a Form 15s. Failure to do so could result in invalidating the signatures collected by an organization that did not submit the form or undermine the petition.

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.
- 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.
- Language from Form 15s will be interpreted to mean an individual or entity *may* be compensated or *may* compensate. Signing and filing is a preventative step.

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 the entity form ([here](#)). If for some reason a local League president is unable to sign, please reach out to Trevor for guidance.

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?
- **And is your organization helping to host or facilitate that work?**
 - **If YES**, The most prudent path is for both you, other team leaders in your organization, AND your organization to complete both variants of the Form 15s.
 - Members of the organization who are part of the organizing, distribution and management work need to fill out an Ohio Redistricting Form 15 Application - Individual (see it at www.citizensnotpoliticians.org/form15)
 - **If NO**, then no Form 15 is needed