

League of Women Voters Chaffee County Candidates Eligibility Policy

The League of Women Voters of Chaffee County (LWVCC) is a non-partisan organization, encouraging informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy. The LWVCC does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. It is the LWVCC goal to hold forums for the public can learn about for candidates running for Colorado State Senate and House and local offices.

The League of Women Voters Chaffee County exercises its good faith judgment in determining candidate eligibility. It is the League's intention to be inclusive rather than exclusive.

- Goals and criteria regarding candidate meetings should be "official actions" of the league and voted on by the League Board of Directors prior to any activities.
- These goals and criteria should be announced well before the candidate forum/debate and in any communication to candidates in order to provide an equal opportunity for all candidates who have announced or filed for the contested office to qualify.
- A letter to the editor is a good way to announce criteria and goals of an event.

Candidate Eligibility

The following criteria may be used as a guideline to determine which candidates to invite:

1. Ballot Access: The candidate must meet all state elections requirements to be on the ballot. (Adopted April 14, 2014 by LWVCC Board.)
2. Constitutional Eligibility: The candidate, if elected, must be legally qualified to hold the office under federal and state laws. (Adopted April 14, 2014 by LWVCC Board.)
3. Write-in Candidate: The candidate must be a certified write-in candidate and registered with the Secretary of State and County Clerk.