



Illinois Republican Party Chairman Qualifications 2021

The State Chairman serves as leader of the Illinois Republican Party. It is a volunteer position of great responsibility. The State Chairman must be prepared to serve in a number of different roles: fundraiser, advisor, implementer, moderator, activist and motivator. The State Chairman is generally responsible for the overall day-to-day operations and financial well-being of the state party. To varying degrees, a State Chairman will be the coordinator of party activities and generally responsible for party development. The State Chairman will be looked to as the face of the party and therefore will potentially need to serve as its primary spokesperson, talking to news media and publicly supporting Republican policies and candidates. The State Chairman also serves as the party liaison with the general public, campaigns, government officials, and various organizations. This will often require you to serve as a mediator, peacekeeper, and sounding board. Most importantly, the State Chairman will be the party's chief fundraiser.

The Chairman selected by the Illinois Republican Party State Central Committee in 2021 will serve the remainder of the four-year 2018-2022 term¹ pursuant to the conditions and requirements of the Illinois Republican Party by-laws.

While the importance of the Chairman and scope of responsibilities cannot be fully described, the list of required and suggested skills primarily required for the role of Chairman are listed herein.

An applicant for the position of Illinois Republican Party Chairman **must**:

1. Meet all Illinois Republican Party Chairman application requirements stated herein;
2. Be an Illinois resident and an Illinois registered voter;
3. Meet all Illinois Republican Party State Central Committeeman primary voting record requirements;
4. Have a long-term commitment to the State of Illinois and its citizenry;
5. Understand and articulate the most pressing policy issues in the State of Illinois; and,
6. Be willing and able to pay out-of-pocket for regular statewide and RNC meeting travel expenses.

¹ Per Article III, Paragraph A of the By-laws of the Illinois Republican Party, the State Chairman is elected to a four-year term at the quadrennial organizational meeting of the State Central Committee. This meeting is traditionally conducted in mid-May to early June, as the new State Central Committee members (who will vote for Chairman) are themselves elected at county conventions that will be held on April 13, 2022, and certified by the Illinois State Board of Elections.

An applicant for the position of Illinois Republican Party Chairman **should**:

- Pledge to remain impartial in open seat primary elections, including open seat Republican Gubernatorial Primary Elections.²
- Not be a vendor of or stakeholder in any campaign or election technology, consulting or other products or services which directly or indirectly cater to political actors.

The expectations for the position of Illinois Republican Party Chair are:

- Act as chief fundraiser for the Illinois Republican Party;
- Be willing to travel regularly and give speeches;
- Be an excellent public speaker and willing to act as a spokesperson for your state party;
- Be able to respond to real-time concerns and interact with live media;
- Have the ability to successfully run public meetings;
- Consult with the Illinois Republican Party State Central Committee and/or Executive Committee for advice and consent in respect of substantive Party decisions;
- Supervise paid State Party staff;
- Act as a moderator to resolve internal party disputes;
- Help implement all Illinois Republican Party state programs;
- Assist in the development of new Illinois Republican Party state party programs;
- Maintain a presence and be involved in state and local activities, such as executive committee meetings, and Lincoln Day dinners;
- Serve as a surrogate when needed and campaign for state and local candidates;
- Assist in candidate fundraising (including donating your personal time);
- Stay in touch with grassroots activists and actively recruit new volunteers;
- Attend all RNC meetings;
- Deliver, along with the Illinois National Committeeman and Illinois National Committeewoman, the RNC message to the Illinois Republican Party State Central Committee;
- Ensure that the Illinois Republican Party is utilizing information and resources available through the RNC; and,
- Liaison with the Republican County Chairman Association (RCCA).

² With the limited exception of an endorsement voted upon by the Illinois Republican Party State Central Committee due to exigent circumstances.



Illinois Republican Party Chairman Application 2021

- Complete and sign the Notification of Intent portion of this application Complete and sign the Ethics Disclosure Form portion of this application.
- Provide a copy of your voting history displaying an official record of voting on a Republican ballot in each of the three (3) most recent General Primary Elections in Illinois (2016, 2018, 2020).
- Provide 3 letters of recommendation, two of which must be from former or current elected Republican officials.
- If you have any questions on eligibility, please contact ILGOP Executive Director Derek Murphy.
- Provide a biography and/or professional resume.
- All completed applications must be emailed to ILGOP Executive Director Derek Murphy at derek@illinois.gop and received no later than 5:00 PM CST on January 21, 2021.



Notice of Intent

I, _____, do hereby state that I intend to be considered to be a candidate to fill the vacancy for Chairman of the Illinois Republican Party.

My contact information is as follows:

Registered Voting Name: _____

Registered Voting Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF MY PROOF OF VOTING RECORD TO THIS FORM. *[Proof of voting address may include a certified record from your local election authority or a relevant Data Center print-out.]*

I certify that the above information is truthful.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

2021 Ethics Disclosure Form

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please list your preferred method of contact: _____

Have you ever sought elected office as a candidate or been appointed to political office? If yes, please list the office or position and year.

Please list each entity, including address and position held therein, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year. No time or demand deposit in a financial institution, or any debt instrument need be listed.

Please list the name and address of any corporation, professional organization or individual professional practice in which you were an officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor, or served in any advisory capacity, from which income in excess of \$1,200 was derived during the preceding calendar year.

Do you, your spouse or children, have any legal or equitable interest in real or personal property that is to be acquired with public funds? Do you, your spouse or children have involvement in any type of contract, procurement, or sale to any unit of government? If yes, please describe.

Have you ever been convicted in a court of law of any charge other than a minor traffic ticket? If yes, please describe.

Do you, your spouse or children, have a financial interest in a business, contract, property, or other entity that has benefited as a result of a vote or decision of the State Central Committee? If yes, please describe.

Have you, your spouse or children accepted any economic opportunity or gift that could be perceived to impact your independence of judgment, or that presents any actual or apparent conflict of interest, should you be elected or reelected as State Chairman? If yes, please describe.

Is there **anything** that has not been addressed in this questionnaire that may be considered a potential vulnerability in your application?

I certify that the above information is truthful.

Signature of Candidate: _____ Date: _____

