

## **PBS Wisconsin and Wisconsin Public Radio Political Coverage and Candidate Invitation Criteria**

### **2023 General Election for Justice of the State Supreme Court**

PBS Wisconsin/WPR will cover the 2023 spring election for Justice of the State Supreme Court on its public affairs programs based on its good faith journalistic judgment as to what will best serve the interests of the Wisconsin electorate. A candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court running in the general election will be included, if a debate is produced and broadcast by the Station, on a date to be determined, if PBS Wisconsin/WPR can independently determine or the candidate can demonstrate before 5:00 pm CT on February 24, 2023 that the candidate satisfies the following three (3) criteria:

1. The candidate is a “legally qualified candidate” under FCC guidelines based on the candidate has publicly announced their intention to run for office, is qualified under applicable law to hold the office, and has qualified for a place on the general election ballot; and
2. The candidate is running an active campaign, demonstrated by:
  - a. Maintaining an active website devoted to the campaign; and
  - b. Having received press coverage (*e.g.*, identification as a candidate for the current election) in at least five (5) unique news stories by bona fide newspapers, radio or television stations, cable news channels, and/or online media outlets; and
3. The candidate has accepted at least \$10,000 in contributions for the current election as documented in filings with the Wisconsin Campaign Finance Information System.

Notwithstanding its having invited a candidate or candidates to appear, PBS Wisconsin/WPR reserves the right to cancel any scheduled program based on its good faith journalistic judgment that the program should not proceed due to scheduling conflicts, canceled candidate appearances, or for any other reason.