

Common Ground for Texans Board Nomination Application Form

Common Ground for Texans began in December 2013. We are a civic-minded organization that champions the democratic process. We believe that thoughtful, provocative discussion is fundamental to an effective organization and to our country.

While we know there are many issues that deserve public attention, Common Ground for Texans currently focuses on two issues: money in politics and election reforms. We are always looking for new ideas and actions that will help steer our society back toward participatory democracy and constitutional protection for all residents.

We welcome the voices of all who believe that enlightened, civic discussion (which includes disagreement) is an integral part of a vibrant organization and US democracy. If you are willing to invest your ideas, experience or passion about forming a More Perfect Union, we want you with us.

Common Ground for Texans continues to accept nominations/applications for permanent board positions. The minimum eligibility requirements for ALL board nominees are:

1. Must sign the Common Ground for Texans Civility Pledge, which can be found on the application.
2. Must not be serving in or be running for a partisan elected office during board term
3. Must have one (1) letter of support from a Common Ground for Texans board member or provide one (1) outside reference.

Desirable:

5. Active in the Common Ground for Texans for at least 3 months.

Please fill out this form, then print it, sign it, and mail it to the address given at the end.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address:

_____ street

_____ city

_____ State

_____ zip code

Phone Number:

_____ land-line

_____ mobile

Date of birth: _____

Gender: _____

[] I agree to act according to the Common Ground for Texans civility pledge:

As a member or supporter of the Common Ground for Texans, I pledge to conduct myself in a way that is civil, honest, and respectful toward people with whom I disagree. I value people from different cultures, I value people with different ideas, and I value and cherish the democratic process.

Please attach your résumé. If you don't have one, please include the following, listing the most recent first:

Educational background

Experience related to your areas of interest or expertise with Coffee Party Austin.

Leadership experience

Prior/current grassroots/community organizer/political experience

Prior board experience (organization and # of years)

Involvement and activity in the Common Ground for Texans (# of months).

Other non-profit experience.

What political issues (national and state) are you following and why?

Computer skills (List) (minimum Microsoft Office and e-mail) or willingness to be trained?

Please submit an essay addressing the following questions: (max 500 words - 2 pages)

- Explain why you want to serve on the Common Ground for Texans' Board of Directors. What do you bring to the Board and what do you hope to gain from your experience on the Board?
- What type of Common Ground for Texans actions would you like to see in the future?

___ Yes, my application is complete, including:

- __ Nomination application form
- __ Résumé
- __ Essay
- __ Request for one letter of support

I, _____, declare that the information in this document and any attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature _____ Date _____

Email this application (and résumé, if applicable) to: info@CG4Tx.org

OR

Snail mail this application to:

Common Ground for Texans
P.O. Box 204192
Austin, TX 78720