

Election Information: Comments

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These organizations are excellent sources of information about elections in Wisconsin. They are not necessarily conservative- or libertarian-leaning organizations. For a smaller table with only names and links, see “Election Information: Names and Links.”

<p>American Family Association</p>	<p>https://afa.net/ P.O. Drawer 2440 Tupelo, Mississippi 38803 662-844-5036 Tim Wildmon President Wesley Wildmon Vice President of Outreach</p>	<p>The American Family Association has a project called “AFA Action” that provides a wealth of tools for citizen activists. A “pre-election checklist” provides links that help you register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your district, filing for candidacy, get absentee ballot, find your polling location, and election results.</p> <p>The site also includes ivoterguide.com, a powerful tool that allows you to click on your state to get profiles of all members of Congress and state elected officials and a dial indicating if they are liberal or conservative. Their 2022 plans include researching over 12,000 candidates in 35 states with expanded coverage of key local school boards.</p> <p>See the entry in the “National Conservative and Libertarian Organizations: Comments” table for more about this group.</p>
<p>American Majority</p>	<p>http://americanmajority.org P.O. Box 87 Purcellville, VA 20134 Phone: (540) 338-1251 team@americanmajority.org Ned Ryun, president Matt Batzel, National Executive Director, mattb@americanmajority.org</p>	<p>“American Majority is a 501(c) (3) non-partisan, nonprofit organization that continually trains, organizes, mobilizes, and equips new grassroots conservative leaders. We believe meaningful, lasting political change starts not in Washington, but at state and local levels, where most actual government decisions and spending occurs.”</p> <p>If offers online courses on running for office and being an effective activist at https://americanmajorityonline.org/.</p> <p>Also has a “resource page” with good reference material: go to https://www.americanmajority.org/resources/. The site includes free downloadable manuals on how to raise money, duties of school board members, how to influence your state legislature, how to master public speaking, and more.</p> <p>You can request a training session in your area at https://www.americanmajority.org/training/.</p> <p>See the entry in the “National Conservative and Libertarian Organizations: Comments” table for more about this group.</p>
<p>Ballotpedia</p>	<p>https://ballotpedia.org</p>	<p>An excellent resource for conservatives thinking about running for office. It offers info about ballot initiatives and candidate bios, voting records, campaign financing, election laws and deadlines, and</p>

	<p>Attn: Leslie Graves 8383 Greenway Blvd, Suite 600 Middleton, WI 53562</p> <p>email: https://ballotpedia.happyfox.com/new</p> <p>Sara Key Phone (608) 255-0688</p>	<p>more. It has an excellent description of legal requirements to run for office in Wisconsin, see https://ballotpedia.org/Ballot_access_requirements_for_political_candidates_in_Wisconsin</p> <p>Ballotpedia is trying to build a clearinghouse for state legislator scorecards but its links for Wisconsin are few. For Wisconsin, scorecards date back to 2012, the latest are for the 2020 legislative session, and all are from liberal or union groups except one, from the American Conservative Union, and that link was broken on 2/27/22. See https://ballotpedia.org/State_legislative_scorecards.</p> <p>“Ballotpedia features 337,130 encyclopedic articles written and curated by our professional staff of editors, writers, and researchers.” It listed 50 staff in 2021 and an annual budget of \$5.3 million in 2019.</p> <p>See the entry in the “National Conservative and Libertarian Organizations: Comments” table for more about this group.</p>
BEST Project	<p>https://parentsknowbest.com</p> <p>Zach Laba BEST outreach coordinator zlabaf@freedomworks.org phone 202/942-7677</p> <p>Other staff are scattered around the country:</p> <p>Laura Zorc, director of education reform (FL)</p> <p>Josiah Gaiter, deputy director of programs (TX),</p> <p>Amy Carney, BEST deputy director (AZ)</p>	<p>“At the beginning of 2021 FreedomWorks announced the launch of the BEST program (Building Education for Students Together) with a commitment to reforming our education system. By dedicating this program FreedomWorks has displayed our long term commitment to building parent coalitions to promote education freedom.”</p> <p>It’s a new project, but so far they are supporting the efforts of school choice groups such as School Choice Week, Parents Rights in Education, and others. They did a Skype session on Feb. 15, 2022 discussing the misuse of federal Covid funds by school districts. On Feb 24 they did an online National Best Coalition Call.</p> <p>The “BEST Academy” is a 6 week training program for those interested in or planning on running for school board. Offered every Tuesday (12PM ET) LIVE on Zoom. Candidates, Parents, Potential Candidates, or anyone wanting to learn more can jump on at any time to start the training!</p> <p>Freedomworks also maintains a scorecard for all members of Congress, including vote records for 2020, 2021, and so far in 2022, on a narrower range of issues it follows. Click here: https://www.freedomworks.org/content/scorecards.</p>
Leadership Institute	<p>https://www.leadershipinstitute.org</p> <p>1101 N Highland Street Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 247 – 2000</p>	<p>An indispensable ally in Washington DC. The Institute offers 47 types of training schools, workshops, and seminars; a free employment placement service; and a national field program that trains conservative students to organize campus groups. The Leadership Institute dormitories, located on the premises, provide accommodations for up to 46 people. Accommodations in the dormitories are included in the cost of many of Leadership Institute trainings.</p>

	<p>Morton C. Blackwell, president</p> <p>Ron Nehring Director of International Training rnehring@leadershipinstitute.org</p> <p>(Nehring got his start with the CA Republican party, got the R nomination for Lt. Gov. in 2016, worked with Ted Cruz campaign)</p>	<p>Since 1979, LI has trained more than 200,000 conservative activists, leaders, and students. The Institute's unique college campus network has grown to more than 1,700 conservative campus groups and newspapers.</p> <p>LI recently launched an online training program for candidates for school board. It hosts a monthly podcast titled "Learn Right" that provides advice and guidance on how to battle public school bureaucracies.</p>
<p>MyVote Wisconsin</p>	<p>https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/</p> <p>Office Address: 212 East Washington Ave 3rd Floor Madison, WI 53703</p> <p>Mailing Address: P.O. Box 7984 Madison, WI 53707</p> <p>Phone Local: (608) 266-8005 Toll-Free: (866) VOTE-WIS Fax: (608) 267-0500</p> <p>Email: Elections@wi.gov</p>	<p>A project of the State of Wisconsin Elections Commission, but like Wisconsin Vote (a PBS project) it covers all the basics of elections including sample ballots, where to vote, how to register, and identifying candidates.</p>
<p>Wisconsin Election Integrity</p>	<p>https://wisconsinelectionintegrity.org</p> <p>James Tesauro and Kim Simac, bk951@frontier.com, 715/891-3207</p> <p>info@WisconsinElectionIntegrity.org</p> <p>On Facebook:</p>	<p>On this website you will find:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Information about practical and economical methods of verifying voting-machine output that could be implemented by local elections officials under current Wisconsin statutes; * How to arrange an Election Integrity Road Show for your community group; * Introduction to the agencies and offices that run Wisconsin's elections; * Introduction to the agencies and officials who administer Wisconsin's elections;

	https://www.facebook.com/WiscElectionIntegrity/	* <u>5</u> easy ways the help protect Wisconsin elections. (Printable version); and * “A Field Guide to Wisconsin Election Officials,” by Karen McKim, April 21, 2016.
Wisconsin Vote	https://wisconsinvote.org/	“During election season, Wisconsin Vote provides voters information about candidates and races, election results, and election resources for educators. Wisconsin Vote is a service of PBS Wisconsin.” Provides profiles of candidates and links to their various websites. The commentary is mostly liberal and just taken from PBS Wisconsin’s daily broadcasts.
Wisconsin Watch	https://wisconsinwatch.org Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism Fifth Floor, Vilas Hall 821 University Ave Madison, WI 53706 608-262-3642 info@wisconsinwatch.org	Based at UW-Madison, this nonprofit organization isn’t conservative but provides many good resources for conservative activists. It offers advice and links for “being your own watchdog,” including * How can I find a particular bill? * Understand what is being proposed * Where else can I learn about past and pending legislation? * How can I track agency spending? * How to file requests for information * Where to find campaign finance records “Wisconsin Watch is a nonprofit newsroom that focuses on government integrity and quality of life issues. Sign up for our newsletter for more stories and updates straight to your inbox.” Wisconsin Watch is mostly funded by grants from liberal foundations, including George Soros’s Open Society Institute, the Joyce Foundation, Ford Foundation, and McCormick Foundation.