

**Name of Policy:**

As a state supported university, federal tax law requires the university to remain politically neutral and prohibits any participation, directly or indirectly, in the campaign of any candidate or political party. While the University of Toledo is welcoming to all political candidates and parties, it cannot support, endorse, or promote any political candidate.

As a public institution of higher education, the University of Toledo acknowledges its role in educating students and serving the community as a venue for the exchange of ideas. In fulfilling this responsibility, the University of Toledo is committed to the free exchange of ideas and opinions, and encourages its students, faculty and staff to exercise their vote and participate in the democratic process. The university is dedicated to protecting the freedoms of speech, expression, petition and peaceful assembly while maintaining its ability to impose reasonable time, place, and manner on any campaign events.

(C) Scope

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff and administrators of the university who are acting on behalf of the university or a registered student organization. Nothing in this policy should be construed to limit one's ability to express personal opinions or restrict one's right to engage in political activities. However, when an affiliate of the university participates in political activity it must be done outside of his or her affiliation with the university.

(D) Equal opportunity for all candidates

The University of Toledo will provide political candidates or their supporters opportunities to speak at the university's facilities, so long as a similar opportunity is made available to all candidates. Official student groups may reach out to campaigns to host political events on campus under the conditions described in this policy.

(E) Procedure

(1) Point of contact

If a registered student organization, such as a student political organization, wishes to host an event of this type on campus they must contact the office of government relations to describe the event and



