

Opportunity to Ballot Petitions
(NY State Election Law: Section 6-164)

An Opportunity to Ballot Petition is a petition of enrolled members of a party requesting an opportunity to **write in** the name of an *undesigned candidate* running for a public office in the State & Local Primary Election.

Important differences for opportunity to ballot petitions:

- Copy of sample Opportunity to Ballot Petition attached.
- The Primary Election date must be recorded on the petition.
- The name of a candidate **does not** appear on the petition.
- Number of signatures required: See the Signature Requirements for for that year as they are the same as designating petition requirements.

Who can carry an Opportunity to Ballot Petition?

- Anyone who is a registered member of said party on the petition can carry.
- A Notary Public or Commissioner of Deeds can carry.

Who can sign an Opportunity to Ballot Petition?

- Anyone who is a registered voter of the political party and unit for which the petition is circulating.
- If the person signing such a petition has already signed either a designating or nominating petition for the same office, the signature will not be counted.

Committee to Receive Notices:

- A committee to receive notices is made up of at least 3 people who are registered voters of the political party for which the Opportunity to Ballot Petition is being circulated.
- The same people who served on any Designating Petitions may also serve on the Opportunity to Ballot Petitions.
- A committee to receive notices is **not** optional on an Opportunity to Ballot Petition.
- The Committee to Receive Notices must also file a Certificate of Acceptance for being named to said committee.