

Petitioning Instructions 2026

1. The person signing the petition must be a registered Democrat. For TCDC membership petitions the signer needs to live in the petitioner's Election district. For all of the other petitions, the signer just needs to live in Tioga County.
2. We want the voters to sign all the petitions you are carrying. Please use MiniVan to prevent voters from signing a petition for the same candidate more than once. For your TCDC positions, voters can sign for more than one member.
3. The person **must** sign his/her name **in your presence**. You can fill out the rest on all the petitions but it's recommended you do that as soon as possible.
4. Make sure the dates are accurate and in order. Don't fill in dates ahead of time. Individual dates out of order could invalidate an entire petition. People often copy the date above where they are signing. Tell them the date if the date is different from the date above.
5. If a mistake is made, cross out the mistake with a single line, correct the mistake, and have the person making the correction initial it.
6. Note that the last column on the petition is for the **Town** the person lives in, NOT the mailing address. The people in Apalachin and in Crestview Heights (Endicott) are in the Town of OWEGO, not Apalachin or Endicott. The petitions that are county-wide do not have the towns filled in but the assumption is that you will fill in the town the person lives in.
7. You cannot sign the petitions you are carrying because you will be the witness at the bottom and you cannot witness your own signature. So don't sign the petitions you're carrying. Sign someone else's.
8. To witness the petition print your name on the first line at the bottom of the sheet. Fill in your address. Count the number of actual signatures and fill in that number. You then need to add the date and sign your name. Fill in the town **where YOU live**. So, for example, if I live in Owego but get signatures in Barton, I'd be filling in Owego, not Barton. Add the county if necessary. Ignore the Notary Public section.
9. Do **NOT** fill in a Sheet Number. We will do that after all the petitions are collected. Reason: Andy's petitions can't all say they are sheet 1.

Please petition as soon as possible starting Tuesday February 24th. As soon as you have enough signatures for your TCDC position, set that petition aside. Continue getting as many signatures as possible on the other petitions. Please plan on turning in as many petitions as possible at the March 17th TCDC meeting. All petitions should be in by March 25th.