

Instructions
Petition for Nomination
of TRS Trustee Candidate
May 1, 2017 – Board of Trustees Election

The enclosed petition must be used to nominate a candidate to serve on the Board of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois (TRS) for a 4-year term to commence July 15, 2017. The election will be held May 1, 2017. TRS board elections are governed by the Illinois Pension Code, 40 ILCS 5/16-165. Board election procedures are explained in 80 Ill. Admin Code 1650, Subpart L (1650.1000 - 1090).

Please carefully review the following instructions. Petitions are explained in TRS Administrative Rule 1650.1010. Questions should be directed to Alice Kern, Administrative Services Manager @ akern@trs.illinois.gov.

Trustee Candidates

- A candidate for a **TRS Teacher Trustee** board position must be a member of TRS who meets the definition of “teacher” in 40 ILCS 5/16-106.
- A candidate for a **TRS Annuitant Trustee** board position must meet the definition of “annuitant” in 40 ILCS 5/16-111.1.

Petition Signers

- To be eligible to nominate a Teacher Trustee candidate, the petition signer must be a member of TRS who is a “teacher” as defined in 40 ILCS 5/16-106.
- To be eligible to nominate an Annuitant Trustee candidate, the petition signer must be a TRS “annuitant” as defined in 40 ILCS 5/16-111.1
- Petition signers must furnish an original signature and complete address (street address, city, state, zip). For verification purposes, a telephone number is also requested.

Petition Circulators

- **Before** obtaining signatures, complete the top portion of the petition. Blank petitions may be duplicated in any quantity.
- Petitions may be circulated beginning November 1, 2016. **Do not circulate petitions before this date.**
- **After** obtaining at least 500 eligible signatures, complete and sign the certification portion at the bottom of the petition. Your signature must be notarized.
- To be valid, a petition must bear original signatures of eligible petition signers. Submit completed petitions to TRS between January 1 and no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 30, 2017 to:
2815 West Washington Street
PO Box 19253
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9253
- **TRS cannot accept petitions received before January 1 or after 4:30 p.m. January 30, 2017.**