



Next Up Action Fund Endorsement Process

ENDORSEMENT BACKGROUND

1. Next Up Action Fund will not endorse in Federal races. Next Up will only endorse in races that will directly impact our base, including campaigns at all levels of government, from School Boards to statewide office.
2. Next Up Action Fund has a goal of empowering and supporting young Oregonians to be leaders in their community. Therefore, we are particularly interested in races that include candidates and campaigns aligned with our values and are under 35 years old, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), LGBTQIA+, people living with disabilities, womxn, people that are low income, and people from underserved communities. We may proactively decide to engage with candidates who fit this description.
3. Next Up Action Fund will make our endorsement process public on our website and social media, and will share with partners, but we will not proactively send it out to all candidates. We want candidates to want to seek our endorsement because they care about the issues that are important to young people. All candidates at state and local levels are welcome to complete our questionnaire.
4. Next Up Action Fund reserves the right to not endorse in any race, because we are using our Mission, Vision, and Values to guide us toward any endorsements. We may choose to endorse in primaries, or may decline to endorse until general elections. We may decline to endorse in some races entirely.
5. Next Up Action Fund wants to stand behind candidates who are there for us, whether we have checkbooks or not. We believe in the power of our endorsement. However, we cannot guarantee any political contributions at this time. We are potentially able to offer other kinds of support, but cannot guarantee it as a consequence of endorsement.
6. Next Up Action Fund strives to be equal, accessible, and open in its endorsement process to all candidates who are serious about pursuing goals in alignment with Next Up's mission, vision, and values. If any candidates or campaigns have questions or concerns, please reach out to the Next Up Action Fund Board Chair: Courtney Graham, (503) 330-8422.

THE ENDORSEMENT PROCESS

1. Next Up Action Fund will make an online public survey available by February 4, 2020 for candidates to fill out, which will be accessible on our website and via social media. Candidates must submit completed surveys by February 19, 2020 by 5pm (three weeks before the voters pamphlet deadline).



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- a. Paper copies of the survey will be available for candidates to fill out in person, if they require accommodations. Call our office to request those, otherwise, we request online submissions for efficiency.
 - b. Next Up Action Fund will announce or inform candidates of any endorsements on or before March 1st, 2020 (11 days before the voters pamphlet deadline).
2. The Next Up Action Fund will form an Endorsement Committee composed of 3 to 6 people affiliated with the organization, including (but not limited to): Board Members, Staff, High School Students, and/or Volunteers.
 - a. The Next Up Action Fund Board of Directors will make final endorsement decisions by an email or in-person vote.
3. In the case of tough decisions we may invite candidates to meet or join a call/Skype with our Endorsement Committee but it is not a guaranteed part of the process.

For more information or questions, please email info@nextuporegon.org