

Iowa Press General Election Debate Criteria 2018

A candidate will be invited to participate in an Iowa Press general election debate or forum produced and broadcast by Iowa Public Television (IPTV) in 2018 if he/she can demonstrate that he/she satisfies the following criteria:

1. **The candidate is a resident of the state of Iowa and has qualified for a place on the election ballot.**
2. **The candidate meets at least four of the following five criteria:**
 - The candidate is the nominee of a political party recognized under state law, as determined by the Iowa Secretary of State's office;
 - The candidate has made public position statements on at least three (3) issues, substantially in the form of press releases, campaign brochures, speeches or similar statements made publicly or on a campaign website;
 - The candidate has accepted at least \$50,000 in contributions for the current election, as documented in appropriate campaign finance disclosure information for candidates for federal office or Iowa statewide office, as applicable;
 - The candidate has received more than incidental press coverage, in at least five (5) bona fide print, online, radio, television, or cable TV news stories that identify him/her as a candidate for the current election); and/or,
 - The candidate has received a minimum of five percent (5%), not including any margin of error, support in the current election in a professionally-conducted public opinion survey by an independent political pollster. For the purposes of these criteria, ~~an~~ independent shall mean the poll has not been commissioned or paid for by a candidate, campaign, political party, political action committee or any person or entity that financially supports the candidate's campaign.

Due to IPTV production logistic constraints, candidates must demonstrate that they meet IPTV's criteria no later than three (3) weeks prior to a scheduled program. IPTV reserves the right to cancel any scheduled program.