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The [Tennessee Campus Democracy Network](#) and the [ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge](#) are excited to announce the [2022 Tennessee Campus Voting Challenge!](#)

The Tennessee Campus Voting Challenge is a free, nonpartisan initiative between participating higher education institutions in Tennessee with a commitment to increasing student voter registration, education, and engagement on campuses across the state. The awards are presented biennially. State awards will be presented next in 2023.

There are currently four award categories given to 2-year and 4-year institutions:

1. Highest Voter Registration Rate Award
2. Most Improved Voter Participation Award
3. Highest Voter Participation Award
4. Established Campus Democratic Engagement Action Plan Seals

The Tennessee Campus Democracy Network is facilitating the Tennessee Campus Voting Challenge in collaboration with the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, a nonprofit initiative of Civic Nation, which empowers colleges and universities to achieve excellence in nonpartisan student democratic engagement.

**Kelley Elliott, Project Director for the Tennessee Campus Democracy Network**, says, “We are thrilled to launch the Tennessee Campus Voting Challenge. Tennessee campuses come with unique perspectives on student voting and civic literacy. We recognize the opportunity to address the systemic and personal barriers affecting student voting. We welcome stakeholders, campuses and students to participate.”

“The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge is excited to partner with the Tennessee Campus Democracy Network to support colleges and universities throughout Tennessee with institutionalizing nonpartisan democratic engagement principles, “ said **Jen Domagal-Goldman, Executive Director of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge**. “Together we can provide increased support, structure, and recognition to campuses across the state throughout the 2022 midterm elections and beyond.”

Collectively, our aim is to collaborate with nonpartisan civic engagement and voting coalitions in Tennessee to implement voter education, voter registration, and develop campus democratic engagement action plans.

Any accredited, degree-granting, post-secondary institution may join and there is no cost to participate. Participation in the Tennessee Campus Voting Challenge will automatically include participation in the national ALL IN and awards competition.

We look forward to recognizing participating institutions at the ALL IN Awards Ceremony in late 2023 when the final results are in.

**Participation in the Tennessee Campus Voting Challenge will give participating colleges and universities access to:**

- Direct staff support from ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge and Tennessee Campus Democracy Network leadership and campus coordinators to develop and implement nonpartisan democratic engagement plans tailored to your institution's specific needs.
- Access to a community of campus civic engagement leaders in TN.
- Up-to-date information on election rules and student voting rights.
- Registration and education tabling events on campus and at all major fairs, festivals, and move-in days.
- Access to ALL IN's ALLINtoVote.org nonpartisan voter registration and education tool.

In order to participate, campuses can complete a [brief join form here](#). If a campus in Tennessee is already a [participating institution](#) of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge, they will automatically be a part of the Tennessee Campus Voting Challenge.

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The [Tennessee Campus Democracy Network](#) is a nonpartisan organization sponsored by Student Organizing, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

[The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge](#), an initiative of the Civic Nation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, empowers colleges and universities to achieve excellence in nonpartisan student democratic engagement. In 2020, students at campuses fully participating in the ALL IN program turned out to vote at a rate of more than 68.2%, an increase of more than 2.1 percentage points compared to their non-participating peers. The difference was even more pronounced for participating Historically Black Colleges and Universities and community colleges.