

## What contributes to my political qualifications?

These experiences involve similar skill sets linked to organization, leadership, providing service to the community, working with people, and knowledge of basic political structures.

- community involvement, volunteering, committee work
- previous experience in politics at any level
- professional employment and contacts
- academic preparation at university or college
- volunteering on other candidates' campaigns
- general knowledge of the skills needed to participate effectively within the community and in local government
- name recognition achieved through community involvement, letters to the editor, articles in local papers, etc.
- graduation from candidate campaign schools

The **ultimate requirements**, however, are an awareness of the issues, and a desire to do something about them.