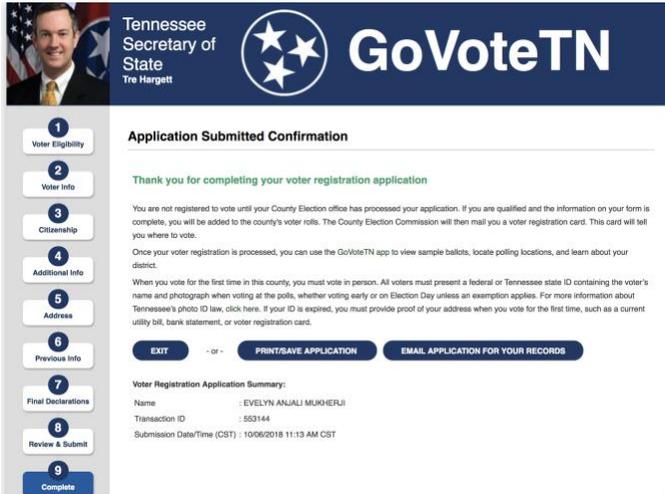


GREEN #VOTE

TODAY I REGISTERED TO VOTE!!! I have been telling myself to register for over a year and today I finally did it so thank you Project Green for pushing me!



There are so many issues in our political system at the moment that it is overwhelming. People who have lived in this country their entire lives are being kicked out, sexual assaulters are being asked to lead our judicial system, our president is denying climate change and many more horrible issues are dividing our country. This election is important to me because now, more than ever, my generation has a chance to change the world we live in. We have a chance to speak up and voice our opinions in the simplest way possible—voting. Net neutrality is one right that I think everyone should have. By limiting our access to the internet (even just through higher pricing) the government is limiting our access to the news. In modern society, we mostly get our news through social media and online news sources. Without access to the news, we are not aware of the things happening in our world or the issues that we need to stand up for, which is why I stand for net neutrality, and why I think it is important that everyone vote for what they believe is right.

Thank you for pledging to vote

You're Almost Done! Your pledge has been submitted. Now multiply your impact by telling your friends to pledge.



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Candidates

Phil Bredesen:

Phil Bredesen is the leading democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate for Tennessee. Bredesen prides himself on being a political leader who can bring together the democratic and republican parties. While he is a democrat, he claims to make his decisions neither based on the popular democratic opinion or republican opinion, but based on what he thinks is best for Tennessee. As governor, he was able to extend long term healthcare options, he founded the Heritage Conservation Trust fund to protect the forests of Tennessee, and he is a strong advocate for education.

<https://www.bredesen.com/redbox/>

Marsha Blackburn

Marsha Blackburn is the leading republican candidate for the U.S. Senate for Tennessee. Blackburn fights to “build the wall” that we have all heard our president mention over the past two years. She aims to deport all illegal aliens, and secure our borders. Her campaign site mentions no efforts in protecting our environment, equality, or education.

<https://www.marshablackburn.com/>

2 of Policy Platforms I support:

I am a strong advocate for the **reducing climate change and conserving our country’s natural resources**. After two major hurricanes passed through the southeast border of the U.S. last year, I became convinced that I needed to do my part to conserve our planet. It is clear to me that many are still ignorant to the consequences that deforestation and pollution have on our environment and that is why I stand for conservation and climate change reduction. Candidate Bredesen seems to also be a supporter of conserving our natural resources. Once again, Bredesen started the Conservation Trust fund to preserve our forested areas, which shows me that he is making an effort to protect our resources. The only information I could find about Blackburn, in terms of her environmental stance, is that she voted no on “environmental education grant for outdoor experience.” This bill was designed to allow kids the ability to go outside and learn about our environment. As an advocate for both the environment and education, I disapprove of Blackburn’s decision and fully support Bredesen.

http://www.ontheissues.org/House/Marsha_Blackburn_Environment.htm

I am also an advocate for providing all children, public or private school, with a **good education**. I grew up attending the one of the best private schools in the state. I was lucky to have such an amazing education. However, a lot of my friends were not. When I first came to Belmont, I realized that many of my classmates were struggling to grasp some of the mathematical concepts that I learned in fifth grade. This was not because they are unintelligent people; it is because they went to public schools where they were never taught these concepts before. Had we all learned the same concepts at the same time, they may have had a better understanding of the concepts than I did. This is one reason why I think it is important that everyone have the same level of education. Phil Bredesen has shown that he is in support of improving the school systems in Tennessee and places education as one of his priorities. According to his website he has

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increased teacher salaries for public schools and “expanded childhood education.” Marsha Blackburn feels that schooling should be improved by adding additional schooling options and improving our homeschooling system. I personally agree with Bredesen and support his education plan over Blackburn’s.

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/opinion/2018/07/07/what-do-statewide-candidates-say-education-tennessee/756923002/>