

# 8 Tips for Finding People to Sign Your Petition

The best way to grow your petition is to simply ask as many people to sign as possible. You might be surprised who is interested and wants to support your effort! Here are some different ways to ask lots of people to sign your petition quickly:

## 1. Send emails to your friends and family asking them to sign

One of the very best ways to collect petition signatures is to simply send an email to people you know asking them to sign. The more people you email, the more signers you'll get. Many organizations, including the LWVMC send out promotions which you can forward.

## 2. Share your petition on Facebook

Facebook is a great way to instantly let lots of people know about your petition. Your friends can share it with *their* friends with a single click. It helps to post updates on your petition's progress for people who may have missed it the first time. You can send individual messages to friends through Facebook, and share it with groups or post it on pages relevant to Reproductive Rights (Abortion Petition) or Environmental Issues (Water Petition).

## 3. Send updates to the people who have signed your petition and ask them to share the petition with their friends

By sending your supporters regular updates, you can keep them engaged and motivate them to do more to help. You can write updates about the number of petition signatures you've collected, political developments on your campaign, or general news about the issue your petition addresses.

## 4. Share your petition on Twitter

Twitter messages can only include 140 characters, so you'll need to summarize your petition in just a few words. Use relevant hashtags (#) and the user names of people with a large following to maximize the attention you get. Retweet regularly for people who missed it the first time.

## 5. Post the link in the comments of relevant news articles and blog posts

Popular blogs and news sites can get tens of thousands of readers or more a day, and posting your petition in the comments of relevant blogs is a great way to reach a lot of people quickly.

## 6. Share your petition with local organizations

Organizations can help you collect a lot of signatures by sharing the petition with their email lists. Look for relevant groups online and call them on the phone to ask them to help out. Usually, you'll have more luck getting groups to pitch in after your petition has gotten going a little.

## 7. Share your petition with relevant email listservs

Are you on any email discussion lists for your church, union, school, hobby groups, trade or professional associations? If your petition is relevant, share it with the other folks on your group's email discussion listserv.

## 8. Put a link to your petition in your IM Chat Status or Email Footer

Do you use IM regularly? Add a link to your petition in your chat status. Add a link to your petition in your email signature. All you have to gain- is more visibility.

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If you have a time or particular event you would like to gather petitions at, but do not have a partner, email [info@lwvmanatee.org](mailto:info@lwvmanatee.org) and it is HIGHLY likely we will get you someone to go with you. Perhaps a new friendship will bloom!

### Good Locations Anytime

- Your neighbors, family and friends
- Food Courts
- Ellenton Discount Mall
- Dog Parks/Playgrounds
- Block Parties
- Festivals
- Graduations
- Summer Music (in-the-park)

### You get more success:

- when you approach an individual, couple or very small group. The larger the group, the more likely someone will object and then the rest of the group is uncomfortable signing.
- if someone is sitting at a bench or stopped eating at a stand up table, or something that has them waiting, etc. If they are on the move, they do not like to stop.

There is a "Tampa Bay Spreadsheet" with events listed – You can update and add as well as find an event you would like to attend. You can gather these anywhere where you find a Florida citizen!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K3VvgdgNn-mhBQCKmnozav9zoVeiuHcr0U6TDs\\_gx9aY/edit#gid=758154317](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K3VvgdgNn-mhBQCKmnozav9zoVeiuHcr0U6TDs_gx9aY/edit#gid=758154317)