

**APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO A
TENNESSEE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE**

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Office Sought for Nomination: **Secretary of State**

1. How long have you lived continuously in the State of Tennessee?
I have lived in Tennessee since birth.
2. How long have you lived continuously in the county where you are now living?
5 months
3. State the county in which you are registered to vote and the date on which you registered to vote in such county.
I registered in Sumner County on July 7, 2008.
4. List all states in which you have lived since age 21 and the dates you lived in each state.
Tennessee
5. State your age and date and place of birth.
I was born in Dyersburg, TN on February 7, 1969. I am 39 yrs old.
6. Family Status:
 - a) State the full name and present address of your spouse and the date and place of your marriage.
I am married to Dawn Simbeck Hargett (formerly of Loretto, Tennessee). We were married at Sacred Heart Church in Loretto, Tennessee on December 22, 1994. My wife resides with me at 646 Bonita Parkway in Hendersonville, TN 37075.

b) State your spouse's occupation and place of employment.

Dawn is a homemaker.

c) If you have been married previously, state name of your former spouse; the date and place of the marriage; the date the marriage was terminated; if terminated by divorce, the date and place of the divorce, the name and location of the court.

No previous marriages.

d) If you have children, state the names, ages, and present occupations.

Cole Morgan Hargett, Age 5

Connor Daniel Hargett, Age 1

7. Military Service:

No military experience.

8. Are you physically and mentally able to perform the essential duties of the office for which you are applying with or without accommodations? Please identify any accommodations you may need to perform the job.

Yes.

9. Have you, or any member of your household, ever pled guilty or been convicted or placed on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? Give date, court, charge and disposition.

No.

10. To your knowledge, are you, or any member of your household, now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? If so, give details.

No.

11. If you, or any member of your household, have been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by a court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group or regulatory body, give details.

No.

12. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you, or any member of your household, by federal, state, or local authorities or creditors? If so, give details.

No.

13. Have you, or any member of your household, ever filed for bankruptcy? If so, give details.

No.

14. Have you, or any member of your household, ever been a party in any legal proceedings? If so, give details including the date, court and docket number and disposition. Provide a brief description of the case.

- **12/28/02 Shelby County CT007146-02. I was the plaintiff in an auto accident claim and reached a settlement out of court.**
- **4/4/03 Shelby County GS953228-03. I was the plaintiff in an auto accident claim and reached a settlement out of court.**

15. Are you now an officer or director of any business organization, or are you otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

No.

16. List all organizations other than professional associations to which you have belonged within the last ten years, including civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such organizations.

- **I am a member of Faith Baptist Church in Bartlett, Tennessee; however I currently worship at Bluegrass Baptist Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee.**
- **Alpha Tau Omega Housing Corporation, former board member**
- **American Council of Young Political Leaders Lifetime Member**
- **Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce**
- **Republican Legislative Campaign Committee, Executive Committee Member (2003-2004)**
- **University of Memphis Alumni Association**
- **University of Tennessee Memphis Chancellor's Roundtable**
- **Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce**
- **Metropolitan Drug Commission, Board Member (2007-2008)**
- **Shelby County Young Republicans**
- **Bartlett/Northeast Shelby Young Republicans**
- **Tennessee Right to Life Chapters in Shelby and Lawrence County**

17. Have you, or any member of your household, within the past ten years belonged to any organization, association, club or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion, or gender?

No.

18. List each college and graduate school which you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded, major and your reason for leaving each school if no degree was awarded.

Memphis State University (August 1991-December 1992)
Masters of Business Administration
Major: Marketing 3.4 GPA

Memphis State University (August 1987-May 1991)
Bachelors of Business Administration with Honors
Major: Accounting 3.3 GPA

19. List memberships and responsibilities on any committee of professional associations which you consider significant.

**Member of National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
Member of the NARUC Energy Resources and Environment Committee
Member of the NARUC International Relations Committee**

20. List honors, prizes, awards or other forms of recognition which you have received since your graduation which are directly related to professional accomplishments.

- **The Eagle Award presented The Tennessee Eagle Forum 2005**
- **Tennessee Home Education Association Friend of the Family Award 2004**
- **Republican Legislative Campaign Committee Most Valuable Legislator 2004**
- **Memphis Business Journal Top 40 under 40 2004**
- **Business Tennessee Top 40 under 40 2004**
- **Tennessee PTA Legislator of the Year 1999**
- **Bob James Public Service Award 1998**
- **Berclair Community Improvement Award 1998**

21. List presentations you have made to groups and organizations within the past five years.

During the past five years, I have made numerous speeches in both my public sector roles (legislator and TRA director). In my private sector role, I made two different presentations to a Tennessee-based publicly traded hospital system.

22. List any public office you have held or for which you have been candidate or applicant. Include the date, the position, and whether the position was elective or appointive.

- **I was elected State Representative District 97 in 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, and 2004.**
- **I was appointed Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority effective February 8, 2008 and confirmed by the Tennessee General Assembly on February 28, 2008.**

23. Describe any experience you have had with legislative or executive branches of government other than as an elected or appointed official.

Most of my experience, other than my service as an elected or appointed official, has been only as a friend of other current or former colleagues in the legislative or executive branches. Additionally, my father, BG Gus Hargett, Jr. is a member of the executive branch. After my retirement from the legislature, I communicated with the Tennessee Department of Emergency Medical Services regarding inspection of ambulances for a start up Rural/Metro operation in Nashville. The conversations originated in September of 2007 and concluded in January 2008.

24. Attach to this application a current resume.

Attached

25. What are your reasons for seeking this position? *(150 words or less)*

I believe that ten years of service in the House of Representatives and election by my peers as their Republican Leader, combined with private sector experience in managing over 500 people and a \$40+ million budget will provide critical assistance to the new constitutional majority that the Republicans have achieved. The Secretary of State post will allow me to capitalize on business, managerial, and strategic skills I have developed. In this position, I can best help our Republican party demonstrate to the citizens who have entrusted us with this majority that we are fully prepared not only to lead and serve, but to lead and serve with *excellence*.

I know my service as the Secretary of State will have a great impact on the future of our state in areas ranging from commerce to education to public records. I am eager to accept the challenges of this office with a strong sense of humility for the trust being placed in me.

26. State any other information which may reflect positively or adversely on you or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with your application for nomination. *(150 words or less)*

While I believe I am an asset to Tennessee through my service at the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, I also believe that my skills and abilities are better utilized as the next Secretary of State.

Should I be entrusted with the responsibility of serving as the next Secretary of State, I plan to liquidate my campaign account, which is currently open, in compliance with T.C.A. § 2-10-114. This liquidation will be done to ensure there is no conflict of interest, or even an appearance of a conflict of interest, in the performance of my duties.

27. Describe life experiences, personal involvements, or talents that you have that you feel will be of assistance in evaluating and understanding your candidacy for this position. *(250 words or less)*

During my public service and private sector careers, I have been surrounded by bright and energetic individuals who have not only supported my efforts but have been essential to any success for which I have been credited. One of my strengths is spotting talented individuals and motivating them to reach their potential. As Secretary of State, it is vital that I ensure the long-term success of this department and our state by selecting the best personnel to fulfill our department's mission.

I have a reputation for fairness and consensus building on Capitol Hill, and these traits are essential in the Secretary of State. While there are many occasions where consensus cannot be achieved, I believe my record as the Republican Leader demonstrates my ability to work with leadership of both parties and in both the executive and legislative branches. I look forward to serving in this role.

My record in the private sector shows my ability to juggle many tasks ranging from everyday administrative tasks to contract negotiation to managing a diverse employee base. I also know the challenge of balancing a budget while continuing to create an environment geared to meet customers' high standards of service.

These talents, traits and lessons are important, but my greatest teachers are my family, Dawn, Cole, and Connor and my Savior. They have shown me the value of grace and mercy. I am truly blessed, and I know I will serve with distinction and honor if chosen as the next Secretary of State.

28. Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit. I hereby agree to be considered for nomination as a Constitutional Officer of Tennessee, and if elected, agree to serve that office. In the event any changes occur between the time this application is filed and the public hearing, I hereby agree to file an amended questionnaire with the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives for distribution to the members.

Dated: December 4, 2008.

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EDUCATION

Memphis State University 1992

Masters of Business Administration
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Honors:

Dean's List; MSU Early Scholar; Deloitte & Touche Accounting Scholar; Watkins, Watkins, and Keenan Accounting Scholar; Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities

WORK EXPERIENCE

Tennessee Regulatory Authority

2008-Present

Chairman

- Serve as Chief Operating Officer of the Authority responsible for the supervision and hiring of all joint staff members and ensuring that all divisions operate efficiently.
- Recommend to the Authority rules and policies as necessary and appropriate to efficiently and economically provide internal management of the Authority.
- Coordinate the preparation of the statutorily required annual report to the Tennessee General Assembly.
- Keep the official record of all proceedings and transactions of the Authority.
- Schedule, prepare and call the docket for the Authority's hearings.
- Prepare and distribute the Authority's conference agendas.
- Coordinate and expedite matters pending before the Authority.
- Serve as the Authority's designated contact for all media inquiries.
- Oversee the expenditure of funds and compliance with all applicable provisions of state and federal law in receipt and disbursement of funds.
- Prepare the annual budget.

Rural/Metro Corporation

Vice-President, Southern Region

2006-2008

- Met financial goals and quality benchmarks for a provider of emergency medical services. Retained and developed business. Coordinated relations with the public and media. Reviewed and implemented contracts. Performed miscellaneous duties for Memphis, North Mississippi and East Tennessee operations. Oversaw more than 500 employees and \$50 million in annual revenue.

Division General Manager

2005-2006

- Met financial goals and quality benchmarks. Retained and developed business. Coordinated relations with the public and media. Reviewed and implemented contracts. Performed miscellaneous duties for Memphis, North Mississippi and Alabama operations. Oversaw more than 250 employees and \$25 million in annual revenue.

Director of Community Relations

1998-2005

- Directed community outreach for a publicly traded ambulance service and determined on-time response compliance with healthcare facility contracts. Assisted in developing short-term and long-term business plans.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- State Representative District 97** Tennessee House of Representatives 1997-2006
- Five-term representative of the 99-member Tennessee General Assembly.
 - Provided quality constituent services while working with other legislators to introduce solutions to the problems existing in our local and state communities.
 - Former Republican Leader of the then 46 member House Republican Caucus.
- Bartlett Mortgage** 1997-1998
Mortgage Banker
- Originated loans for a start-up division of Bartlett Mortgage.
- Tri-State Case Management, Inc.** 1995-1997
Director of Marketing
- Coordinated all marketing efforts to insurance companies, third-party administrators, and self-insured companies in Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas to facilitate the delivery of medical case management and vocational rehabilitation services for injured workers.
 - Prospected for new clients, retained current clients, and developed presentation and marketing materials.
- NEA Valuebuilder Investor Services, Inc.** 1993-1995
Sales Representative
- Marketed retirement programs to members of the National Education Association as the state's top sales representative in the enrollment of educators into tax-sheltered annuities.
 - Won both the Sales Conference Qualifier and NEA Service Excellence Awards in 1995.
- Hollomon & Co., CPA's** 1992-1993
Staff Accountant
- Responsible for audit, write-up, and tax research functions while attending graduate school as a full-time student.

DISTINCTIONS

Business Tennessee magazine's "Top 40 under 40"

The Memphis Business Journal's "Top 40 under 40"

Republican Legislative Campaign Committee Most Valuable Legislator Award (2004)

Tennessee PTA Legislator of the Year (1999)

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request