

## CCDCC MEDIA ACCESS POLICY FOR EVENTS

Journalists, freelancers, bloggers, and other public writers who regularly cover Carroll County news and community events are not required to obtain advance permission to attend free public events hosted by the Carroll County Democratic Central Committee (CCDCC). All are requested to demonstrate journalistic courtesy and integrity toward our committee members, collaborators, and guests.

### Criteria for fee-based and private events

The following established and/or professionally credentialed independent news organizations, publishers, and media outlets are welcome to cover fee-based and private events held by the CCDCC, preferably with at least 3 days notice:

- Newspapers: the Carroll County Times, Northern News, Baltimore Sun
- Online/Print publishers: Carroll Magazine, Baltimore Banner, Maryland Matters
- Local broadcast media outlets: WTTR, Community Media Center
- Regional radio and television stations
- Student news productions affiliated with Maryland public and private colleges and universities
- Members of the Maryland/DC/Delaware Press Association
- Any entity in direct receipt of a media release or invitation from CCDCC

All citizen/social journalists and bloggers must request a press pass at least 3 days prior to any fee-based or private event as described in the following procedure. The CCDCC reserves the right to deny access to anyone for any reason.

### Procedure

1. Submit a letter of interest via email to CCDCC Chair Corynne Courpas [ccourpas@gmail.com](mailto:ccourpas@gmail.com). Application must include the name of the reporter and publication plus purpose of the piece (news item, opinion commentary, etc). Organization must have a specific, verifiable street address and a telephone number.

2. Attach a sample published article or web link to online publication.
3. Provide a statement of the publication's journalistic ethics, standards, or practices as well as its protocol for issuing corrections.
4. If granted access, reporter must present a valid Maryland photo ID upon arrival.
5. Publication agrees not to publish photographs, livestream the event, or make audio or video recordings without the permission of the CCDCC and the subject(s).
6. Reporters must refrain from partaking of any food, beverages, games or other activities intended for the enjoyment of guests, unless purchasing a ticket.