

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

State/District officials file with:
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Calendar year covered 2024
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Is this an amendment? Yes No

Please provide complete information. If the information requested in a particular section does not apply to you, indicate such by noting "Not Applicable" in that section. Do not leave any part of this form blank. If additional space is needed, you may attach the information to this document. Do not file this form with the Arkansas Ethics Commission.

SECTION 1- NAME AND ADDRESS

Name WARD WESLEY WAYNE
(Last) (First) (Middle)
Address 74 WILDWOOD PLACE CIRCLE LITTLE ROCK AR 72223
(Street or P.O. Box Number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
Phone 870-897-0952

Spouse's name N/A
(Last) (First) (Middle)

All names under which you and/or your spouse do business: _____

SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING

- Public Official _____ (office held)
- Candidate _____ (office sought)
- District Judge _____ (name of district)
- City Attorney _____ (name of city)
- State Government: Agency Head/Department Director/Division Director Arkansas Department of Agriculture
(name of agency/department/division)
- Chief of Staff or Chief Deputy _____ (name of Constitutional Officer, Senate, or House of Representatives)
- Public appointee to State Board or Commission _____ (name of board/commission)
- School Board member _____ (name of school district)
- Candidate for school board _____ (name of school district)
- Public or Charter School Superintendent _____ (name of school district/school)
- Executive Director of Education Service Cooperative _____ (name of cooperative)
- Advertising and Promotion Commission member _____ (name of advertising and promotion commission)
- Research Park Authority Board member under A.C.A. § 14-144-201 et seq. _____ (name of research park authority board)

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SECTION 2- REASON FOR FILING (continued)

- Appointee to one of the following municipal, county or regional boards or commissions (list name of board or commission):
- Planning board or commission _____
 - Airport board or commission _____
 - Water or Sewer board or commission _____
 - Utility board or commission _____
 - Civil Service commission _____

SECTION 3- SOURCE OF INCOME

List each employer and/or each other source of income from which you, your spouse, or any other person for the use or benefit of you or your spouse receives gross income amounting to more than \$1,000. (You are not required to disclose the individual items of income that constitute a portion of the gross income of the business or profession from which you or you spouse derives income. For example: accountants, attorneys, farmers, contractors, etc. do not have to list their individual clients.) If you receive gross income exceeding \$1,000 from at least one source, the answer N/A is not correct.

- a) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

Arkansas Department of Agriculture

(name of employer or source of income)
1 Natural Resources Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205

(address)
Wesley W. Ward

(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received _____
Arkansas Secretary of Agriculture

- b) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

United States Marine Corps Reserve

(name of employer or source of income)
Defense Finance and Accounting, 1240 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, OH 44199

(address)
Wesley W. Ward

(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received _____
Marine Corps Reserves

- c) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

(name of employer or source of income)

(address)

(name under which income received)

Provide a brief description of the nature of the services for which the compensation was received _____

SECTION 4- BUSINESS OR HOLDINGS

List the name of every business in which you, your spouse or any other person for the use or benefit of you or your spouse have an investment or holding. Individual stock holdings should be disclosed. Figures should be based on fair market value at the end of the reporting period.

a) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
USAA Federal Savings Bank

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

10750 McDermott Freeway, San Antonio, TX 78288

(address)

Wesley W. Ward

(name under which investment held)

b) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Guardian Life Insurance

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

6060 Primary Parkway, Memphis, TN 38119

(address)

Wesley W. Ward

(name under which investment held)

c) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500
Merrill Edge – VOO ETF

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

PO Box 40486, Jacksonville, FL 32203

(address)

Wesley W. Ward

(name under which investment held)

d) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

(address)

(name under which investment held)

e) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

(address)

(name under which investment held)

f) Check appropriate box: More than \$1,000 More than \$12,500

(name of corporation, firm or enterprise)

(address)

(name under which investment held)

SECTION 5- OFFICE OR DIRECTORSHIP

List every office or directorship held by you or your spouse in any business, corporation, firm, or enterprise subject to jurisdiction of a regulatory agency of this State, or of any of its political subdivisions.

a) _____
(name of business, corporation, firm, or enterprise)

(address)

(office or directorship held)

(name of office holder)

b) _____
(name of business, corporation, firm, or enterprise)

(address)

(office or directorship held)

(name of office holder)

SECTION 6- CREDITORS

List each creditor to whom the value of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more was personally owed or personally obligated and is still outstanding. (This does not include debts owed to members of your family or loans made in the ordinary course of business by either a financial institution or a person who regularly and customarily extends credit.)

a) _____
(name of creditor)

(address of creditor)

b) _____
(name of creditor)

(address of creditor)

c) _____
(name of creditor)

(address of creditor)

SECTION 7- PAST-DUE AMOUNTS OWED TO GOVERNMENT

List the name and address of each governmental body to which you are legally obligated to pay a past-due amount and a description of the nature of the amount of the obligation.

a) _____
(name of governmental body) (address of governmental body)

(amount owed) (nature of the obligation)

b) _____
(name of governmental body) (address of governmental body)

(amount owed) (nature of the obligation)

SECTION 10- AWARDS

If you are an employee of a public school district, the Arkansas School for the Blind, the Arkansas School for the Deaf, the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, a university, a college, a technical college, a technical institute, a comprehensive life-long learning center, or a community college, the law requires you to disclose each monetary or other award over one hundred dollars (\$100) which you have received in recognition of your contributions to education. The information disclosed with respect to each such award should include the source, date, description, and a reasonable estimate of the fair market value.

a) _____
(description of award)

_____ (date) _____ (fair market value)

_____ (source of award)

b) _____
(description of award)

_____ (date) _____ (fair market value)

_____ (source of award)

c) _____
(description of award)

_____ (date) _____ (fair market value)

_____ (source of award)

d) _____
(description of award)

_____ (date) _____ (fair market value)

_____ (source of award)

SECTION 11- NONGOVERNMENTAL SOURCES OF PAYMENT

List each nongovernmental source of payment of your expenses for food, lodging, or travel which bears a relationship to your office when you appear in your official capacity when the expenses incurred exceed \$150.

a) Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA)
(name of person or organization paying expense)
SUSTA 701 Poydras Street, Suite 3845, New Orleans, LA 70139
(business address)
February 4-8, 2024 \$1,889.32
(date of expense) (amount of expense)
NASDA Winter Policy Conference / SUSTA Board Meeting
(nature of expenditure)

b) USDA Agricultural Trade Promotion Program Funding – Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA)
(name of person or organization paying expense)
SUSTA 701 Poydras Street, Suite 3845, New Orleans, LA 70139
(business address)
March 25-29, 2024 \$ 7,500 (est)
(date of expense) (amount of expense)
USDA trade mission to South Korea
(nature of expenditure)

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List each nongovernmental source of payment of your expenses for food, lodging, or travel which bears a relationship to your office when you appear in your official capacity when the expenses incurred exceed \$150.

c) USDA Emerging Market Program – National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
(name of person or organization paying expense)
NASDA 4350 North Fairfax Drive #810, Arlington, VA
(business address)
April 5-12, 2024 \$7,500 (est)
(date of expense) (amount of expense)
NASDA/USDA Emerging Market Trade Mission to Vietnam
(nature of expenditure)

d) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
(name of person or organization paying expense)
NASDA 4350 North Fairfax Drive #810, Arlington, VA
(business address)
May 19-21, 2024 \$750 (est)
(date of expense) (amount of expense)
NASDA Board Meeting
(nature of expenditure)

e) Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA)
(name of person or organization paying expense)
SUSTA 701 Poydras Street, Suite 3845, New Orleans, LA 70139
(business address)
June 15-19, 2024 \$1,500 (est)
(date of expense) (amount of expense)
SASDA Annual Meeting / SUSTA Board Meeting
(nature of expenditure)

f) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
(name of person or organization paying expense)
NASDA 4350 North Fairfax Drive #810, Arlington, VA
(business address)
August 10-14, 2024 \$750 (est)
(date of expense) (amount of expense)
NASDA Inbound Trade Mission for the United Kingdom to the US
(nature of expenditure)

g) National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA)
(name of person or organization paying expense)
NASDA 4350 North Fairfax Drive #810, Arlington, VA
(business address)
September 22-25, 2024 \$1275.23
(date of expense) (amount of expense)
NASDA Annual Meeting / SUSTA Board Meeting

Republican Party of Arkansas
1201 N. 4th St., Little Rock, AR 72201
October 29-30, 2024
Leadership Retreat - food & lodging - \$210

