



## Candidate Biographical Info | 2025

**Full Name:** Dr Scott Underwood

**Is this your first time running for public office?**

**What position are you running for?** O'Fallon District 90

**Current Profession/Occupation** Chiropractic Physician

**In 300 words or less, please tell us other information you'd like the public to know about you. This is not required, but you may want to address: 1. The most significant challenges facing the office you're seeking and what you'd do to overcome them. 2. What single change you'd make in your area of responsibility. 3. Why you feel you're more qualified than your opponent(s)**

My name is Dr. Scott Underwood, and I have lived in the O'Fallon area since 1996, when I was stationed at Scott AFB. Since 2000, my wife and I have called O'Fallon our home, and she is currently teaching at Marie Schaefer Elementary School. As a military veteran, chiropractic physician, and small business owner for the past 17 years, I have gained unique experience and insight into working with the public, managing employees, financial responsibility, and strategic thinking. For the past 23 years, I have also served the residents of O'Fallon by working in EMS within the Public Safety Division. My military service and nearly 30 years in medicine have honed my communication skills, allowing me to connect with people and work effectively in high-pressure and sometimes hostile situations. Rather than viewing the challenges O'Fallon District #90 faces as problems, I see them as opportunities for improvement. One of my top priorities is strengthening internal student and teacher safety within the schools. Additionally, improving teacher retention and pay is crucial. District #90 must offer competitive compensation packages to retain and attract the best teachers. I believe that state recommendations for educational curriculum should be considered the bare minimum; we should strive to set a high academic standard to provide our children with the best educational experience possible. Finally, the district faces aging buildings and limited classroom space. As a community, we must collaborate to develop a financial solution that facilitates necessary building improvements and classroom expansions with minimal cost to taxpayers. We must remember that the public schools best reflect our community.

"You can also commit injustice by doing nothing." Marcus Aurelius