

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy

how to file for elective office

when to file

The filing period begins the first Monday in June and ends the following Friday. All declarations of candidacy must be received before the close of business on the last day of the filing period. Declarations of candidacy received after this date, regardless of the postmark, are invalid.

Mailed declarations of candidacy may be submitted in advance up to ten business days before the filing period begins. Declarations of candidacy filed in person must be during business hours.

where to file

- File with the Office of the Secretary of State if the office sought is federal, statewide or is a legislative, court of appeals,

or superior court office that includes more than one county. You may file in person or online at www.vote.wa.gov.

- File with the County Elections Office for all other offices. Contact their office to see if online filing is available.

cost to file

The filing fee is nonrefundable even in the event of withdrawal.

Filing fees or filing fee petitions must accompany the declaration of candidacy at the time of filing. The filing fee, described on the declaration of candidacy form, is based on the salary in effect at the time of filing.

Candidates without sufficient assets or income to pay the filing

fee may instead submit a filing fee petition that contains the valid signatures of registered voters equal to the dollar amount of the filing fee.

withdrawals

The deadline for withdrawing from a partisan office is the Thursday following filing week.

The deadline for withdrawing from a nonpartisan office is set by the County Elections Office.

Once filed, a declaration of candidacy may not be altered. If the candidate decides during the filing period to change the declaration of candidacy, the candidate must first withdraw and then re-file.

other requirements:

public disclosure and campaign finance reporting with the Public Disclosure Commission

Reporting requirements are based on the office, campaign revenues and size of jurisdiction, and are outlined in the chart below. More information can be found at www.pdc.wa.gov.

type of jurisdiction and fundraising thresholds	public disclosure reporting requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Federal districts	Federal Election Commission reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cemetery districts• Precinct committee officers• Districts requiring voters to own property	No state disclosure reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- District has less than 1,000 voters* and- Campaign does not expect to exceed \$4,999 in contributions	No state disclosure reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Office is less than entire county and- District has 1,000 to 4,999 voters* and- Campaign does not expect to exceed \$4,999 in contributions	Form F-1 (Financial Affairs Statement)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office is county wide or larger• Jurisdiction has 5,000 or more voters• Campaign expects to receive \$5,000 or more in contributions	Form F-1 (Financial Affairs Statement) C- series forms (Campaign Finance Reports)

*as of the last general election

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how to complete the form

1. office

Print the jurisdiction, the office name and any position or district number defining the office for which you are a candidate.

The responsibility for filing for the correct office is yours.

2. personal information

Your name and address must match your voter registration.

Update your voter information prior to submitting a declaration of candidacy.

You are responsible for ensuring that you meet all qualifications of the office.

3. ballot information

Print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the ballot. Nicknames are acceptable.

Titles denoting occupations, including military rank, positions on issues, political affiliation, symbols, or anything intentionally designed to mislead voters are not acceptable.

party preference information:

For a partisan office, you may choose to state a political party that you personally prefer.

A preference does not imply that you have been nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with you.

If you choose to state a party preference, enter the name of the party (limited to 16 characters). The first letter of the party preference will be capitalized (e.g., Democratic). If you want to use initials, separate each letter with a period (e.g., G.O.P.). Your party preference will appear below your name.

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1	office jurisdiction and office name	City of Olympia Councilman POS. 4 position number
2	personal information as registered to vote	Elizabeth Christina Brown first name middle last 08/30/1970 date of birth (mm / dd / yyyy) 1500 Capital Way S residential address (360) 555-2385 phone number Olympia 98501 city / zip
3	ballot information	Liz C. Brown exact name I would like printed on the ballot political party I prefer, if filing for partisan office: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Prefers <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> e <input type="checkbox"/> m <input type="checkbox"/> o <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> r <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> t <input type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> Party) <input type="checkbox"/> (States No Party Preference)
4	campaign information	campaign address (if different from residential address) city / zip liz.c.brown@campaign.com (360) 555-1800 email address phone number www.lizforcouncil.com website
5	filing fee	<input type="radio"/> The office has no fixed annual salary: no filing fee <input type="radio"/> The office has a fixed annual salary of \$1,000 or less: \$10 <input checked="" type="radio"/> The office has a fixed annual salary over \$1,000: 1% of salary <input type="radio"/> I am submitting a filing fee petition instead of a filing fee
6	oath	I declare that the above information is true, that I am a registered voter residing at the address listed above, that I am a candidate for the office listed above, and that, at the time of filing this declaration, I am legally qualified to assume office. I swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington. sign here  date here 6/8/10
	for office use only	date voter registration number

If you choose to not state a party preference, "(States No Party Preference)" will be printed on the ballot.

No changes to party preference will be accepted between the primary and the general election.

4. campaign information

If you do not provide campaign information, your information as a registered voter will be used. A telephone number, email address, or website is not required, but recommended.

Government office addresses may not be used for campaigns.

5. filing fee

Fill in the appropriate circle.

Applicable filing fees must accompany the declaration of candidacy.

6. oath

Read, sign, and date the oath. The declaration of candidacy is not complete and ready for submission until signed.

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office	jurisdiction and office name		position number
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personal information <i>as registered to vote</i>	first name	middle	last
	date of birth (mm / dd / yyyy)		phone number
	residential address		city / zip

ballot information	exact name I would like printed on the ballot													
	political party I prefer, if filing for partisan office:													
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Party)
	<input type="checkbox"/> (States No Party Preference)													

campaign information	campaign address (if different from residential address)		city / zip
	email address		phone number
	website		

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	sign here	date here

for office use only	date	voter registration number
	office code	fee