

Candidate Information

If submitting by U.S. mail, please complete this page (typewritten or neatly printed) and return it with your statement, short biography, and photograph to the postal address listed inside. Please read the detailed specifications inside before submitting.

Contact information

The contact information in this section is for use by the Voters' Pamphlet Office only and NOT for publication.

Candidate name: _____
(as it will appear on the ballot)

District, office sought &
position number (if applicable): _____

Contact telephone number: (_____) _____
(Include area code)

Email address: _____

Campaign address

Campaign address information is required, but will be published only if requested.

The following information does not count toward the statement word limit.

Publish the following campaign address information.

Campaign committee name: _____

PO Box or street address: _____

City or town: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone number: (_____) _____
(Include area code)

Email address: _____

Website: _____

IF YOU NEED THIS INFORMATION IN AN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT, PLEASE CONTACT THE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AT (360) 902-4180 OR TDD/TTY: (800) 422-8683.

Biography Example Biography (not to exceed 100 words)

Current Occupation/Employer: Lawyer, Smith & Sons
Attorneys at Law

Family: Married to John Smith, two children,
five grandchildren

Education: Graduate of Harvard Law School,
BA in Political Science from Yale University

Significant Career Experience: Elected to the State
House of Representatives, 1990-2000

Legal/Judicial Experience: Admitted to WA Bar
Association in 1975. Served on House Judiciary
Committee for 10 years

Submitting Candidate Information

Online: www.vote.wa.gov/candidatestatement

Mail to: Voters' Pamphlet
Office of the Secretary of State
c/o Candy McDonald
13018 - 314th Ave NE
Duvall, WA 98019



Candidates progressing to the November General Election will have the opportunity to update their statement, biography, and photograph in the Voters' Pamphlet and Online Voters' Guide.

Candidates may choose NOT to submit new information, in which case the candidate's statement, biography, and photograph from the August Primary Voters' Pamphlet will be used.

Statement & Biography Standards

The Office of the Secretary of State has established content, style, and format standards to ensure candidate statements comply with legal requirements, enhance readability, and ensure accuracy. Statements and biographies:

- Must accompany completed candidate information and photo;
- Must comply with the Code of Judicial Conduct. (The Administrative Office of the Courts is available to review your statement for compliance prior to submission. Contact Ms. Nancy Sullins at (360) 357-2124);
- Must be typewritten and double-spaced in block paragraph style (if submitted by mail), on a CD in Word, and accompanied by a printed copy;
- Must use 12 point regular Times Roman font. (Use italics only to emphasize specific words or statements. Bolding is not allowed);
- Must not include tables, lists, or other material requiring multiple indents or formatting;
- May include bullets. (However, vertically listed bullet points will be wrapped into a single paragraph);
- Will be rejected if containing obscene, profane, libelous, or defamatory language; and
- May have incidental spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors corrected without altering meaning or substance.

Statements & Biographies

Word limits - Statement

State law sets a maximum word limit of 200 words for judicial candidate statements (RCW 29A.32.121).

Word limits - Biography

A biography, using the following headings, may also be included and must not exceed **100 words** (headings are not included in the word count).

- Current Occupation/Employer
- Education
- Legal/Judicial Experience
- Family
- Significant Career Experience

Hyphenated words count as two words unless the hyphenation is listed in the *OneLook* directory, an online dictionary search.

All statements are closely reviewed. Those exceeding the word limit are shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.

Photographs

Each candidate may submit one original self-portrait. If mailed, the photograph may be submitted digitally on a CD, or as a lab-processed print. Photos:

- Must be limited to the head and shoulders;
- Must be against a light-colored background (not white);
- May be color (preferred) or black-and-white;
- Must be no more than five years old; and
- Must not show the uniform or insignia of any organization that advocates or teaches racial or religious intolerance, or suggests the wearer has held public office. Wearing a judicial robe is prohibited. (RCW 29A.32.110)

Digital photo

- Must be a resolution of at least 300 dpi and not digitally touched-up or altered.

Print photo

- Must be a smooth, no gloss, lab-processed print (not one printed from a home computer).
- Should be no smaller than 4 x 5 inches and no larger than 8 x 10 inches.