

Washington State Declaration of Write-in Candidacy

how to file as a write-in candidate

when to file

All declarations of candidacy must be received by the filing officer before 8pm on election day. Declarations of candidacy received after this time and date, regardless of the postmark, are invalid.

where to file

- If the office sought is federal, statewide or is in a legislative, court of appeals, or superior court office that includes more than one county, file with the Secretary of State.

You may file in person, by mail, or at elections@sos.wa.gov.

- File with the County Elections department for all other offices. Contact the applicable department to learn if online filing is available.

cost to file

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

If the declaration is filed 19+ days before the election, no filing fee is required.

If the declaration is filed 18 days or less before the election a fee will be required. The filing fee is based on the salary for that office at the time of filing. Filing fees or filing fee petitions must accompany the declaration of candidacy 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 for the office.

voters' pamphlet

A statement and photograph will be published in the voters' guide and pamphlet for all candidates printed on the ballot.

The names of write-in candidates qualifying to be printed on the general election ballot will be included in the voters' guide/pamphlet.

Write-in candidates declaring for a primary should submit a voters' pamphlet statement and photograph when filing. Doing so will meet publication deadlines if the candidate continues on to the general election ballot.

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

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy

how to complete the form

1. candidate 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.

2. campaign contact

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

3. ballot information

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.

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 18 characters).

Washington State Declaration of Write-in Candidacy

1 candidate information as registered to vote	first name	<i>Emmilee</i>	middle	<i>Shirley</i>	last	<i>Brown</i>	
	residential address	<i>1500 Capital Street</i>			city / zip	<i>Olympia 98501</i>	
	date of birth	<i>1/12/1960</i>	email address	<i>ESbrown@yahoo.com</i>		phone number	<i>360.555-5556</i>
2 campaign contact information for publication	campaign phone					campaign email	
	mailing address (if different from residential address)					city / zip	
	campaign website						
3 ballot information if qualifying	I am a write-in candidate for: <input type="radio"/> Primary <input type="radio"/> General						
	jurisdiction	office name			position number		
	exact name I would like printed on the ballot if I qualify						
	political party I prefer to be printed on the ballot, if filing for partisan office: <input type="radio"/> (Prefers <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> Party) <input type="radio"/> (States No Party Preference)						
4 filing fee	<input type="radio"/> The office has no filing fee if filed 18+ days before election day						
	<input type="radio"/> A filing fee of \$ _____ accompanies the declaration of candidacy (up to 18 days before election day.) <input type="radio"/> I lack sufficient funds and submit a filing fee petition in lieu of the filing fee under RCW 29A.24.091						
5 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	
for office use only	submission date				voter registration number		
	office code				fee		

Only the top two candidates from the primary will be printed on the ballot for the general election.

The first letter of the party preference will be capitalized (example: Progress For All). Acronyms or initialisms will be printed in all caps with or without periods.

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 once filed.

4. filing fee

Fill in the appropriate circle.

Applicable filing fees must accompany the declaration of candidacy. See a list of offices open for election for current filing fees.

If you lack sufficient resources at the time of filing, you may petition per RCW 29A.24.091 / RCW 29A.24.101.

5. oath

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

Washington State Declaration of Write-in Candidacy

**candidate
information**
*as registered
to vote*

first name	middle	last
residential address		city / zip
date of birth	email address	phone number

**campaign
contact
information**
*for
publication*

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

**ballot
information**
if qualifying

I am a write-in candidate for: Primary General

jurisdiction	office name	position number
--------------	-------------	-----------------

exact name I would like printed on the ballot if I qualify

political party I prefer to be printed on the ballot, if filing for partisan office:

(Prefers Party)

(States No Party Preference)

filing fee

- The office has no filing fee if filed 19+ days before election day
- A filing fee of \$ _____ accompanies the declaration of candidacy (up to 18 days before election day.)
- I lack sufficient funds and submit a filing fee petition in lieu of the filing fee under RCW 29A.24.091

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

**for office
use only**

submission date	voter registration number
office code	fee