

Attestation:

ELECTIONS DIVISION

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## Filing Fee Petition and Attestation | COVID-19

**Candidates who lack sufficient assets or income** may file the following attestation and petition due to COVID-19 impacts and Washington's 'stay home, stay healthy' order. Candidates must submit a signed attestation with their **Declaration of Candidacy** form to the appropriate filing officer before the deadline for all candidates: May 15 at 5 p.m.

Filing fee petitions in lieu of fees during a state of emergency declared by the Governor:

RCW 29A.24.091(4) states, "A candidate who lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of filing to pay the filing fee required by this section shall submit with his or her declaration of candidacy a filing fee petition."

Emergency WAC 434-215 states, "...the petition must take the form of an attestation by the candidate, stating that the candidate lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of filing to pay the filing fee for the office. A candidate submitting a filing fee petition in the place of a filing fee must sign the attestation, certifying under penalty of perjury that the candidate lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of filing to pay the filing fee. A candidate submitting a filing fee petition must submit the attestation when filing the declaration of candidacy. The filing officer shall verify the candidate has submitted a filing fee petition in the place of a filing fee that includes a signed attestation certifying a lack of sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee."

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