

# Candidate Filing May 11-15, 2020

## Key dates

### Election Dates

**August 4** — Primary

**November 3** — General

### Candidate Filing Dates

**April 27** — USPS mail-in declarations accepted.

**May 10** — Offices vacated after today are not opened in 2020 for filing.

**May 11** — **Candidate Filing Week begins.**  
Online filing opens at 9 a.m.

**May 15** — **Candidate Filing Week ends.**  
Online filing closes at 4 p.m.

**May 18** — Last day to withdraw or amend party preference.

**May 22** — State Voters' Pamphlet submission due.  
*County deadlines may differ.*

**July 17** — Last day to declare write-in candidacy for the Primary without a filing fee.

**October 15** — Last day to declare write-in candidacy for the General Election without a filing fee.

## Quicklinks

- List of offices open for election:  
[sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates](https://sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates)
- Forms for candidates:  
[sos.wa.gov/elections/candidatefiling.aspx](https://sos.wa.gov/elections/candidatefiling.aspx)
- Candidates who have filed will be listed online only after the filing is approved:  
[voter.votewa.gov/CandidateList.aspx](https://voter.votewa.gov/CandidateList.aspx)
- To withdraw from the ballot, a candidate must submit a signed form to the filing office no later than May 18:  
[sos.wa.gov/\\_assets/elections/withdrawal%20form.pdf](https://sos.wa.gov/_assets/elections/withdrawal%20form.pdf)
- State Voters' Pamphlet instructions are on page 6 of the candidate guide:  
[sos.wa.gov/\\_assets/elections/candidates/statecandidatesguide2020\\_040720.pdf](https://sos.wa.gov/_assets/elections/candidates/statecandidatesguide2020_040720.pdf)

## Who do I file with?

**Secretary of State:** Federal, statewide, and multi-county legislative or judicial offices.

**County Auditor:** Legislative and judicial offices encompassing a single county, all local offices.  
Contact info at [sos.wa.gov/elections/auditors](https://sos.wa.gov/elections/auditors)

For specific office listing details, visit  
[sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates](https://sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates)

## How do I file?

**Online:** [sos.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections) — click “File for Office” tile.  
All candidates file through the same online portal.

## What if I can't file online?

During the COVID-19 “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order, candidates who need in-person services should contact their [county](#) or [state](#) elections office to learn more about business hours and services available.

## How else can I file with the state?

Candidate Filing Forms for other filing methods are available at [sos.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections) — click “File for Office” tile and see link labeled [Candidate Filing Forms](#).

### Mail:

Elections Division  
PO Box 40229  
Olympia, WA 98504-0229

**Fax\*:** 360-664-4619

**Email\*:** [CandidateSupport@sos.wa.gov](mailto:CandidateSupport@sos.wa.gov)

\*Fax/email: Filing is conditional until fee is paid.  
If unpaid by close of filing, the filing is rejected.

**In person:** Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

520 Union Ave SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

Call or text the phone number posted on the main door for curbside service.

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## Filing fees

**Filing fees are not refundable, even if you filed for the wrong office (RCW 29A.24.131).**

**Online:** Visa, MasterCard, or American Express.

**In person:** Visa, MasterCard, American Express, cash, check, money order, or COVID-19 Filing Fee Petition Attestation.\* [sos.wa.gov/elections/candidatefiling.aspx](https://sos.wa.gov/elections/candidatefiling.aspx)

**Fax/email:** Filing is conditional until fee is paid. If unpaid by close of filing, the filing is rejected.

\*Due to COVID-19 safety measures, candidates who lack assets or sufficient funds may substitute a filing fee petition with 1) the COVID-19 Filing Fee Petition Attestation and 2) the Declaration of Candidacy form. These forms can be submitted in person or via fax/email to the appropriate elections office. Candidates submitting petition attestation may not file electronically.

## Notices

- If you file for the wrong office or position, you must withdraw and file again by May 18.
- Filing fees are not refundable, even if you filed for the wrong office (RCW 29A.24.131).
- Candidates submitting [COVID-19 Filing Fee Petition Attestation](#) may not file electronically.
- The final ballot order of candidates in your race will be determined by lot draw after candidate filing ends.

## Residency requirements

You are responsible for meeting all qualifications and filing for the correct office.

Many offices require candidates to reside and be registered to vote in the jurisdiction of filing.

U.S. Representative and Superior Court candidates do not need to reside within the jurisdiction, but must be registered voters in Washington. For more, consult "Judicial Offices in Washington State" under Election Laws at [sos.wa.gov/elections/election\\_laws.aspx](https://sos.wa.gov/elections/election_laws.aspx)

## State filing fees

Contact the appropriate County Auditor for other offices.

### Federal Office

President/Vice President	n/a
U.S. Representative	\$1,740.00

### State Executives

Governor	\$1,821.79
Lieutenant Governor	\$1,111.80
Secretary of State	\$1,305.60
State Treasurer	\$1,491.03
State Auditor	\$1,281.20
Attorney General	\$1,673.81
Commissioner of Public Lands	\$1,458.60
Superintendent of Public Instruction	\$1,458.60
Insurance Commissioner	\$1,326.00

### State Legislature

Senator	\$527.66
Representative	\$527.66

### Judicial

Supreme Court Justice	\$2,107.32
Court of Appeals	\$2,006.03
Superior Court	\$1,909.85

## Assistance during filing week

### Elections Desk

360-902-4180

1-800-448-4881

[elections@sos.wa.gov](mailto:elections@sos.wa.gov)

[sos.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections)

