

Nonaffiliated Candidates-Statewide

Candidates who are not members of any political party file for office at the general election.

Party Affiliation

A candidate must be registered to vote as a nonaffiliated voter as of **February 26, 2026**.

Filing Method

→ Individual Electors: By submit the Form [SEL 114 Candidate Filing-Individual Electors](#)

To be nominated by individual electors the candidate needs to obtain the required number of valid signatures from active registered Oregon voters.

→ Assembly of Electors: By holding an Assembly of Electors and submitting Form [SEL 115 Candidate Filing - Assembly of Electors](#).

For more information about these processes please refer to the [State Candidate Manual](#) starting on page 11.

Campaign Finance

A candidate must file a Statement of Organization **not later than three business days** of first receiving a contribution or making an expenditure and no later than the deadline for filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy, or certificate of nomination, whichever occurs first, unless they meet the criteria for an exemption. To meet the criteria, the candidate must serve as their own treasurer, not have an existing candidate committee, and does not expect to spend or receive more than \$1,500 during the entire calendar year (including in-kind contributions and personal funds). **State Voters' Pamphlet filing fees are not included when calculating contribution or expenditure totals.**

If you have an existing candidate committee you **must amend** the statement of organization not later than 10 days after a change in information. This includes changes to the election you are active in and the office you are running for. See the [Campaign Finance Manual](#) for the procedural and legal requirements of establishing and maintaining a candidate committee.

Statement of Economic Interest

Candidates in primary and general elections may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (ORS 244.050(3) & ORS 244.050(4)). Commission staff will be in touch with them after registration with the Secretary of State. Please contact the Commission at mail@ogec.oregon.gov or 503-378-5105 for additional information.

Voters' Pamphlet

The Oregon Voters' Pamphlet is a publication produced and distributed by the Elections Division. It contains information about candidates, measures and political parties, as well as information about the election process. To appear in the voters' pamphlet, you must file a statement online using ORESTAR available at oregonvotes.gov and either:

→ pay a filing fee
or

→ submit a completed voters' pamphlet petition containing required number of signatures.

Approval to collect signature in lieu of the filing fee is required prior to gathering signatures.



The signatures collected for a candidate filing petition cannot be used for a voters' pamphlet petition. They are two separate petitions.

Voters' Pamphlet filing period for the 2026 General is **July 6, 2026**, through **5:00:00 pm August 25, 2026**.