

Nonpartisan Office

Generally, candidates for nonpartisan office must file by the deadline for the primary election.

The exception is when a vacancy in nomination or a vacancy in office occurs for a nonpartisan office after the 70th day before the nominating election and on or before the 62nd day before the General Election. In those circumstances, the office may appear on the General Election ballot, and candidates may file during the applicable filing period established for the vacancy.

For information about offices that are open for the General Election and the applicable filing deadlines, please review the current [Open Offices List](#).

Filing Method

- Filing by fee:
 - ☐ By completing the paper form [SEL 101-Candidate Filing](#), and paying the \$50 filing fee.
- Filing by petition:
 - ☐ Petition may be filed with required number of signatures instead of paying a filing fee. All signatures must be of active registered voters within the district. Complete form [SEL 101 - Candidate Filing](#) marking “Prospective Petition”. Approval to collect signature in place of the filing fee is required prior to gathering signatures.

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 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.**