



Yakima County Elections

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2020 candidate filing basics



CoVID-19 response: To maintain a safe environment for everyone, we urge all candidates to submit their Declaration of Candidacy online, by mail, or by email.

where, when and cost to file

Where to file

Secretary of State

Federal offices
State offices
Legislative offices | multi-county
Judicial offices | multi-county

County Auditor

Legislative offices | single county
Judicial offices | single county
County offices

When to file

Candidate filing week is May 11-15

file online: opens May 11, 9am | closes May 15, 4pm
recommended visit www.yakimacounty.us/vote

file by mail: begins April 27 | ends May 15
mail to: Yakima County Elections Division
PO Box 12570
Yakima WA 98909

- your filing fee must accompany your declaration
- filings received prior to April 27 will not be accepted
- filings received after May 15, regardless of postmark, will not be accepted

file in person: begins May 11; 9am | ends May 15; 4pm
visit: Yakima County Auditor's Office
128 N 2nd St, Room 117
Yakima 98901

**file by email:
or fax** opens May 11; 9am | closes May 15; 4pm
send to: ivote@co.yakima.wa.us

- your filing is held until the filing fee is received if one is required
- filings received before May 11 at 9am will not be accepted
- filings received after 4pm on May 11 will not be accepted

Cost to file

Filing fees are **not** refundable under any circumstance. The Auditor's office accepts checks, cash, credit, or money orders. If you lack the income to pay the filing fee, you may submit a filing fee petition.

Exact filing fees are available on the list of offices up for election at www.yakimacounty.us/vote.

No salary	No filing fee
Per-diem or by-meeting basis	No filing fee
Annual salary <i>under</i> \$1,000	\$10.00
Annual salary <i>over</i> \$1,000	1% of salary

the declaration of candidacy

All candidates must submit a [Declaration of Candidacy](#).

1. Candidate Information

Enter your information as you are registered to vote.

You are responsible for meeting all the qualifications of the position.

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2. Campaign Information

If you do not provide campaign contact information, your voter registration information will be published on the list of candidates who have filed. Government offices may not be used for campaign contact information.

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3. Ballot information

Print the jurisdiction, office name and position number that defines the office for which you want to be a candidate. The responsibility for filing for the correct office is yours.

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Print your name exactly as you want it to appear on the ballot. A title, rank, or symbol is not allowed.

party preference information: Do not list a party preference if you are a candidate for a nonpartisan office.

If you file for a partisan office, you may state the party name you prefer using 18 characters or less.

If left blank, "States No Party Preference" will be printed on the ballot.

Party preference does not imply that you have been nominated, endorsed, or approved by the party. It is entirely your decision and plays no role in determining how candidates are elected.

4. Filing fee

Mark the appropriate circle. Filing fees are not refundable and must accompany the declaration of candidacy.

5. Oath

Read and sign the oath. Your Declaration will not be approved without your signature.

Your Declaration of Candidacy is a public record.

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy		
candidate information as registered to vote	James	Noothername Doe
	100 Main Street Apt Q	Anywhere 99999
	1/1/1950	James4Office@anywhere.com 555-4444
campaign contact information for publication	207 555-6666	James4Office@anywhere.net
	PO Box XYZ	Anywhere 99999
	www.Jamesisthebest/elect.net	
ballot information	Legislative Dist 40	Representative 2
	Jimmy (James) Doe	
	Political party I prefer to be printed on the ballot, if filing for partisan office. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prefers E x a m p l e Party) <input type="checkbox"/> States No Party Preference	
filing fee	<input type="radio"/> The office has no filing fee	
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A filing fee of \$ 454.74 accompanies the declaration of candidacy	
	<input type="radio"/> 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

other information

Important dates

April 27	candidate filing by mail begins
May 11	candidate filing begins; 9am
May 15	candidate filing ends; 4pm
May 15	lot drawing for ballot placement ; 4:30pm
May 18	last day to withdraw ; 4pm
May 22	candidate statement due for online local voters' guide ; 4pm
July 17	ballots mailed for Primary
August 4	Primary
October 16	ballots mailed for General Election
November 3	General Election

Withdrawal of candidacy

If you decide you do not want your name printed on the ballot, you must submit a signed [withdrawal form](#) to the Yakima County Auditor's Office by 4pm on Monday, May 18.

Filing fees are not refundable, even if you filed for the wrong office.

No withdrawal is permitted if you filed during a special filing period.

Campaign finance reporting

Candidates should refer to the Public Disclosure Commission for reporting requirements and forms. To get you started, if you are a candidate in a district with over 5,000 registered voters, you are required to complete a C-1 and F-1 within 2 weeks of becoming a candidate. Visit www.pdc.wa.gov for more detailed information.

Notes

The information presented is subject to change due to new legislation, judicial determination, or additional office vacancies. It does not replace local, state, or federal laws.

For [local voter guide rules](#) or other candidate filing information, please visit our website at www.yakimacounty.us/vote or call us at 574.1340.