

Would You Like to Run for Office?

Do you think you would be a candidate for holding an office?

Candidate Filing Periods:

Before a general election, there is a two-week filing period during which candidates can submit their affidavit of candidacy to the **filing officer**. Prospective candidates should contact the filing officer to learn which offices will be on the ballot at the upcoming election—some offices may only be up for election every two, three, four, or six years.

Federal Offices

- Candidates for U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative may file from May 19, 2020 until June 2, 2020 at 5 pm.
- Candidates for President and Vice-President, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Representative must file with the Secretary of State.

State Offices

- Candidates for State Senator, State Representative, and any Judicial office may file from May 19, 2020 until June 2, 2020 at 5 pm.
- Candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, Secretary of State, State Senator, State Representative, and any Judicial office may file with the Secretary of State, or the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

County Offices

- Candidates for county offices such as County Commissioner and Soil and Water Supervisor may file from May 19, 2020 until June 2, 2020 at 5 pm.
- Candidates for County Commissioner, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Recorder, County Sheriff, County Attorney, Soil and Water Supervisor, and other elected county offices must file with the county auditor.

City Offices

The filing dates for city offices such as Mayor and Council Member depend on whether the city holds primaries or not.

- Candidates in cities where a primary is **not held** may file from July 28, 2020 until August 11, 2020 at 5 pm.
- Candidates for Mayor, Council Member, and other elected city offices must file with the city clerk.

Township Offices

The filing dates for township offices such as Town Supervisor, Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer depend on whether the town holds its elections in March or November.

- Candidates in towns that hold elections in **November** may file from July 28, 2020 until August 11, 2020 at 5 pm.
- Candidates for Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, Town Treasurer, and other elected township offices must file with the town clerk.

School District Offices

- The filing dates for school district offices such as School Board Member depend on whether the school district holds primaries or not.
- Candidates in school districts where a primary is **not held** may file from July 28, 2020 until August 11, 2020 at 5 pm.
- Candidates for School Board Member must file with the school district clerk.