

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND OATH OF CANDIDACY FOR TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

To the School District Clerk of School District No. _____, _____ County, State of Montana:

Filing for the office of School District Trustee: For a ___-year term at the Annual Regular School District Election to be held on the ____ day of May, 20__.

Candidate Name (Print, as it should appear on the ballot):

Mailing address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Residence address: _____

City and State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

I hereby affirm that I possess, or will possess, within the constitutional and statutory deadlines, the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution and law of the United States and the State of Montana.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 20__

(Signature of Candidate)

Candidate must sign and acknowledge this Declaration of Intent before a Notary Public, if mailed, or before the Election Administrator or Deputy, if delivered in person.

State of Montana, County of _____

Signed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20__, by _____
Printed Name of Candidate

Signature of Notary or Public Official

Printed name of Notary or Public Official

Notary Public for the State of Montana (include stamp/seal)

Residing at: _____

My Commission Expires: _____, 20__

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Candidate Name (Print): _____

This Declaration of Intent for a trustee position must be submitted to the school district clerk no later than 40 days before the election. **20-3-305, MCA**

Pursuant to **13-37-206, MCA**, all candidates for trustee positions in first-class districts located in counties with populations of 15,000 or more OR in county high school districts having student enrollments of 2,000 or more must report their campaign finance activities to the Montana Commissioner of Political Practices. Current forms are available at: [Link to the MT Political Practices webpage](#)

Please return this form to:

District Clerk: _____

District: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____



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STATE OF MONTANA

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Info on Montana 2022 Candidate Filing and COPP Filings

Filing for Office:

You File for Office with the Secretary of State (Statewide, State District), or Election Administrator (County), or District Clerk (School Trustees)

- Election calendars available on the MT SOS website here <https://sosmt.gov/elections/calendars/>
- Filing for Office occurs – School Trustee 12/09/2021 to 3/24/2022
- Filing for Office occurs – Statewide, State District, County 1/13/2022 to 3/14/2022

Filing with the COPP is separate and required by Montana law:

When you become a candidate*

**an individual who has filed a declaration or petition for nomination, acceptance of nomination - OR - an individual who has solicited or received and retained contributions, made expenditures ... see definition 13-1-101, MCA.*

If you are soliciting or accepting contributions, spending money, or have filed with the SOS/EA/DT, you need to:

- Within 5 days, file form C1/C1A, the Statement of Candidate, with the COPP. File electronically, using the Campaign Electronic Reporting System (CERS). CERS can be accessed via the COPP's website, politicalpractices.mt.gov, by clicking the 'Access CERS' icon (all candidates are required to file electronically);
- County & School Board* candidates - Select reporting status. Select 'B' box if total activity will not exceed \$500 or 'C' box if activity will exceed \$500. (*Trustee candidates in First Class Districts)
- All Statewide and State District candidates and 'C' box candidates will need to file form C-5, campaign finance reports, when due. Form C-5 is filed electronically, following the appropriate reporting calendar that cover specific reporting periods. Reporting for the 2022 Calendar year begins March 20, 2022.
- 2022 [reporting calendars](#) for all candidates are available on the COPP website

Note - All Statewide and State District candidates **file [D1 Business Disclosure](#)**

Statement with COPP within 5 days of Filing for Office. Note, this form must be printed, signed and returned to the CPP by mail or scanned and email.

As always, direct campaign finance & practices questions to the COPP at cpphelp@mt.gov or call 406.444.3919

Direct election related filing questions to the SOS <https://sosmt.gov/elections/>, Election Administrator <https://votinginmontana.com> (or at your local election office), and School District Clerk (<https://opi.mt.gov/.../Finance.../School-Finance/Elections>)

STATE OF MONTANA POLITICAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS SUMMARY

Applicable as of October 1, 2021 (Senate Bill 224, passed by the 2021 Montana Legislature)

This guide is just a summary - for complete requirements, see [Title 13, Chapters 35](#) and [37, MCA](#).

CANDIDATE

To Own Campaign.....No Limit

INDIVIDUAL Human Being

To a Political Party Committee.....No Limit

To a Political Action Committee.....No Limit

To a Ballot Issue Committee.....No Limit

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor..... \$1,000 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office*\$700 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office**\$400 per election

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

To a Political Party Committee.....No Limit

To a Political Action Committee.....No Limit

To a Ballot Issue Committee.....No Limit

POLITICAL COMMITTEES (Excludes Political Party Committees)

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor..... \$1,000 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office* \$700 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office** \$400 per election

POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE Aggregate Limits from ALL political party committees

Please Note: Political Party Committees may not contribute to candidates for judicial offices (i.e. Supreme Court Justice, District Judge, Justice of the Peace).

A political party committee may endorse a candidate for judicial office and make an independent expenditure relating to such an election. See Sanders County Republican Party v. Bullock, 698 F3d 741 (9th Cir, 2012).

See also personnel services exception [ARM 44.11.225 \(3\)](#).

To candidates for Governor/Lt. Governor..... \$100,000 per election

To a candidate for Other Statewide Office* \$75,000 per election

To a candidate for Public Service Commission..... \$15,000 per election

To a candidate for State Senate..... \$3,000 per election

To a candidate for Other Public Office** \$2,000 per election

CORPORATION OR UNION

May *not* contribute directly or indirectly to a candidate, [13-35-227, MCA](#).

**Other Statewide Office: Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Clerk of the Supreme Court*

*** Examples of Other Public Office: State District—Public Service Commissioner, State Senate, State House, and District Judge County—All County elected Officials, City—All City elected officials School— All School District Trustees*