
Filing a Petition for Candidacy

In lieu of a filing fee, a petition supporting candidacy for federal, state, or legislative office may be submitted with the Declaration of Candidacy and required paperwork. (County candidates should contact their County Election Board for a petition form and instructions.) The petition must be signed by not fewer than two percent (2%) of the number of registered voters in the appropriate district, or state, as applicable, for the office sought.

Candidates may begin collecting signatures at any time prior to their candidacy; however, it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that those signing the petition meet the eligibility requirements of [26 O.S. § 5-112](#).

Instructions for submitting a petition for candidacy:

- Candidates who file a petition for candidacy must use the approved petition form provided by the State Election Board.
- Copies of the petition form are to be printed by the candidate. "Pages of a petition supporting a Declaration of Candidacy shall be printed on white paper measuring 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Pages of a petition shall be printed on only one side of said paper. Each page of a petition shall include the candidate information described in (b) of this Section." (See *OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 230:20-9-1(c)*).
- The petitioner must complete the top of each petition form to include the candidate's name, party name, office sought, district number (if applicable), and the county where the petition was circulated. **A separate petition form must be used for each county where signatures are collected.**
- "A signature on a petition in support of a Declaration of Candidacy filed by a candidate for a federal, state, or county office shall be the original, personally handwritten signature of a registered voter eligible to vote for the candidate and office. **No one may sign a petition in support of a Declaration of Candidacy for another registered voter.**" (See *OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 230:20-9-3*). Photocopies of signed petition forms will not be accepted.
- Petitions forms must accompany the Declaration of Candidacy and **must be submitted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. during the official filing period on April 13, 14, or 15, 2022.** (Early, late, or incomplete submissions cannot be accepted.)

"If registered voters from more than one county sign the same page of a petition, signatures of voters registered in a county other than the one named at the top of the page shall be deemed invalid. It shall be the responsibility of the circulator to ensure that voters sign the petition page for the correct county." (See *OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 230: 20-9-2*).

The official number of signatures required for each office is based on the number of registered voters as of November 1, 2021. State and county signature requirements are available on the State Election Board website at <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/candidates/2022-candidate-filing-information.html>.

IMPORTANT: Due to statutory redistricting, district signature requirements will not be available until 2022 and will be posted on the State Election Board website at <https://oklahoma.gov/elections/candidates/2022-candidate-filing-information.html>.

**For more information, contact the State Election Board at
(405) 521-2391 or info@elections.ok.gov.**