



Candidate Information

Major Party and Nonpartisan Candidates

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◆ Filing Deadlines ([13-10-503](#), MCA)

- January 14, 2016 First day to file Declaration and Oath of Candidacy, and pay filing fee (unless indigent) with appropriate filing officer
- March 14, 2016 Deadline to file Declaration and Oath of Candidacy, and pay filing fee (unless indigent) with appropriate filing officer

◆ Where to File

- File with the Secretary of State for the presidential preference primary, a congressional office, a state or district office to be voted for in more than one county, a judge of the district court, or a member of the legislature;
- File with the county election administrator for a county, municipal, precinct, or local district office to be voted for in only one county.

◆ Links to Filing Forms, Fee Information and Candidate Calendar

[Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy](#)
[Candidate Qualifications and Filing Fees](#)
[2016 Election Candidate Calendar](#)

◆ Other Important Information

- [Title 13 Election Laws](#)
- The candidate declaration form cannot be filed with the appropriate filing officer before **January 14, 2016**.
- You can use the online candidate filing service at <http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/Filing> to file for office and pay the filing fee – available at 8:00 a.m. January 14, 2016; or file in person at the Secretary of State's office or by mail or fax (filing fee must be paid at time of filing).
- An individual cannot file as a major party, independent, or minor party candidate for a nonpartisan office.
- Under [13-10-201](#), MCA, a candidate may not file for more than one office (except for precinct committee representative). Similarly, for a partisan election, an elector may not file a declaration for more than one party's nomination.
- An individual who files as an indigent candidate is not required to pay a filing fee, but must submit signatures to county election administrator(s) totaling 5% or more of the total votes cast for the successful candidate for the same office at the last general election. For more information about filing as an indigent candidate, see the Independent/Minor Party/Indigent Candidates section at <http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/Filing/Information>.
- Each candidate for governor shall file a joint declaration for nomination with a candidate for lieutenant governor.
- For presidential filing information, see <http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/Filing/Information>.