

Affidavit of Candidacy for State & Judicial Candidates

Applies to the offices

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General, State Auditor, and Secretary of State
- State Senator and State Representative
- Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and District Court Judges

If you are looking for information on filing for a federal, county, or local office, visit the

[Become a Candidate webpage](https://mnvotes.gov/candidates)

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NOTE: payment methods for filing fees vary by office. If you only have credit or debit card, inquire with your filing office first before visiting in case they cannot support card payments.

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Affidavit of Candidacy

Information on this affidavit is public unless noted as private.
See the reverse side for more filing information.

FILING OFFICER MUST COMPLETE

Filing # _____ Fee Amount \$ _____

Circle payment method:

Cash | Card | Petition | Check # _____

Judicial candidate: attached copy of license

Excluding judicial: Viewed ID or proof of residence

Campaign Finance Board packet provided

Reviewed affidavit for completeness

Candidate Information

Candidate name as it will appear on the ballot _____
Clearly write or type in mixed upper- and lower-case | Include punctuation and accents | No professional titles

Candidate name pronunciation sounds like _____
If left blank, the accessible ballot marking device's default pronunciation of your name will be used

Office sought _____ Filing jointly with _____
Governor and Lieutenant Governor Only

District / Seat number if applicable _____ Political party or principle _____

Contact Information

Email non-government _____

Phone number _____

Check box if you do not have email
If you check both this box and the private boxes below,
you must provide an address in *Campaign Contact*

Residence Address Not required for judicial candidates

REMAIN PRIVATE Both boxes must be checked

OR

NOT PRIVATE Must provide if boxes in *Remain Private* are not checked

I request that my residence address be classified as private data.

I have completed the *Address of Residence Form* on the next page.

Residence street address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Campaign Contact

Campaign address optional unless private box is checked and no email is provided _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Campaign website optional _____ can be updated with filing officer any time

Affirmation & Signature I swear (or affirm):

- This is my true name or the name by which I am generally known in the community.
- I am eligible to vote in Minnesota.
- I will have maintained residence in this district for at least 30 days before the general election.
- I have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming primary or general election (unless authorized by Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 9).
- If a major political party candidate, I either participated in the party's most recent precinct caucuses or intend to vote for a majority of that party's candidates at the next general election.
- **Excluding judicial candidates:** I have provided valid identification or documentation of proof of residence authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 1b that matches the residence address information provided on this affidavit or on a separate form, if address is classified as private data.
- I have provided my phonetic name pronunciation above, or I certify that I am directing the official responsible for programming materials for the election to use the applicable technology's default pronunciation of my name.
- If filing for **Governor or Lieutenant Governor:** I will be at least 25 years old on the first Monday of the next January and a resident of Minnesota for not less than one year on election day.
- If filing for **State Senator or State Representative:** I am, or will be on assuming office, 21 years of age or more; and I will have maintained residence in Minnesota not less than one year, and in this district for six months, on the day of the general or special election.
- If filing for **Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, or District Court Judge:** I am learned in the law and licensed to practice law in Minnesota. A copy of my license is attached. I will not turn 70 years of age before the first Monday of next January.
- I meet any other qualifications for this office prescribed by law.

Candidate signature _____ Date _____

Signature of notary public or other officer
empowered to take and certify acknowledgment _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary stamp

State & Judicial Affidavit of Candidacy Reminders

Candidate Filing Location

- 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.
- Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor file as a team with the same filing officer. If they both reside in the same county, they may file as a team either with the county auditor or with the Secretary of State. If the candidates reside in different counties, they must file with the Secretary of State.

Political Party

Candidates for partisan office that are not affiliated with a major political party must file a valid petition along with their affidavit of candidacy (Minn. Stat. 204B.03). See mnvotes.gov for list of current major parties and petition requirements.

Contact and Residence Information

- If candidates check the box to classify their residence address as private data, they must also complete the Address of Residence form below and provide a campaign contact email or mailing address on their affidavit.
- Residence address must be where candidate maintains residence and cannot be a PO Box.
- Candidates may contact their filing officer after filing to update the campaign information.
- **Excluding judicial candidates:** When filing, candidates must provide ID or other documentation (authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06) that matches the residence address.

Timeframe for Filing & Fees

- Completed affidavits and fees must be submitted during the designated filing period, with the noted exception: candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may submit the affidavit early (Minn. Stat. 204B.09 subd. 1a).
- Affidavits may be mailed in or dropped off by others but they must be notarized, include a copy of identification or other documentation authorized in Minn Stat. 204B.06 subd. 1 that matches the residence address on the affidavit, and have all required information completed.

Fees and additional candidate filing information can be found at <https://mnvotes.gov/candidates>.

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Address of Residence Form

This form must be completed when a candidate has checked the Private Data box, certifying that their address of residence for the purposes of candidate filing should be classified as private data. For the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and State Representative, the address of residence is used by the filing officer to determine whether the address of residence listed by the candidate is located in the area represented by the office sought, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.06, subd. 1b (b). This information will be available to the filing officer and other elections officials with whom that filing officer consults to verify that the residence address matches the address provided on the candidate's identification or proof of residence documentation, and for the offices listed above, to determine whether the address of residence is located in the area represented by the office sought.

Candidate name and address of residence

Candidate name _____

Office sought _____ District/seat (if applicable) _____

Residence address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Signature of candidate _____ Date _____

Filing officer verification of residence

Offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and State Representative must satisfy the residency requirement by the close of the filing period; this must be completed by the filing officer within one business day of receiving the filing.

I have determined the address on this form is within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.

Signature of filing officer _____ Date _____

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