



Ready To Run 2024 The Arizona Center for Civic Leadership CIVEX

ARIZONA ELECTIONS

The Basics

Recognized Parties and Independents

- Currently recognized in Arizona:
 - Democratic
 - Libertarian
 - Republican
 - No Labels
- Parties must qualify for ballot recognition via petition.
- Maintaining recognition is dependent upon the number of registered voters or the number of votes cast at the last general election for the office of governor.
- Independent - Any registered voter that is not a member of a recognized party.
 - Independent candidates may qualify for the General Election ballot under a §16-341 designation.
 - Independent candidates do not appear on the Primary Election ballot.

Statement of Organization and Statement of Interest

- State Candidates are required to register as a committee by filing a Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State's Office
 - Filed electronically via the campaign finance reporting system.
 - Must file within 10 days of receiving contributions or made expenditures of \$1,300 - in any combination.
- Potential candidates are also required to file a Statement of Interest with the Secretary of State's Office.
- Other jurisdictions: These items are filed with the local filing officer.
 - Cities – City Clerk.
 - County – County Recorder.
 - Special Districts – County Recorder.

Statement of Organization and Statement of Interest

- School Board candidates.
 - Statement of Interest: filed with the County Superintendent
 - Statement of Organization: filed with the County Recorder
- Maricopa School Superintendent website for candidate information.
 - <https://schoolsup.org/governing-board-elections>.

Required Candidate Filings for Running for Office

- Any person desiring to become a statewide or legislative candidate and to have the person's name printed on the official ballot shall file with the Secretary of State's Office:
 - **Nomination Petitions**
 - **Nomination Paper**
 - **Financial Disclosure Statement**
 - Filed electronically by e-mail to financial.disclosure@azsos.gov
 - No longer needs to be notarized.
 - Candidate Filing Period: March 9, 2024 through April 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Non-state offices – local filing office, or for school board, county superintendent.
- School Board: The candidate filing period for the November 5, 2024 election begins Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. and ends on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Nomination Petitions

- Check with your filing officer for candidate packets.
- Candidates must obtain a minimum amount of signatures on nomination petitions to qualify for the ballot (including independent candidates).
- Signature requirements are determined by the filing officer for that office. A.R.S. § 16-322
 - Example: Legislature, at least one-half of one percent but not more than three percent of the total number of qualified signers in the district
- Who can sign your petition?
 - Voter in the district
 - Same party or OTH voter

Candidate Challenges

- Not later than 5:00 p.m. of the tenth day, excluding Saturday, Sunday and other legal holidays, after the last day for filing nomination papers and petitions.
- Challenge shall specify in the action the petition number, line number and basis for the challenge for each signature being challenged.

Write-In Candidates

- A write-in candidate must file all the documents that are required for other candidates (except nomination petitions), not later than 40 days prior to the Primary or General Election.
- Last Day to File as a Write-In Candidate Primary Election: June 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Last Day to File as a Write-In Candidate General Election: Sept. 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Only candidates who file complete, timely documents will:
 - Be considered “official write-in candidates,”
 - Have their names posted in the polling places and their votes counted,
 - Not be listed on the ballot or on an insert in an early ballot envelope.
- School board write in filing period:
 - June 8, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 22, 2024

\$5 Qual. Contributions & E-Qual



WELCOME to E-Qual Arizona Secretary of State
Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Interested in getting involved in the political process?
With E-Qual, it's never been easier. It's simple to use,
secure, and convenient.

With E-Qual, you can show your support for a candidate
from the comfort of your home or anywhere internet
access is available.

In Arizona, candidates are required to obtain a minimum
number of petition signatures to appear on a ballot.
Voters interested in assisting Statewide and Legislative
candidates can now sign a petition electronically.

Clean Elections candidates are required to obtain \$5
qualifying contributions from registered voters to qualify
for public funding. Voters may now contribute a \$5
qualifying contribution with E-Qual.

Click on a box below to get started now!

**SIGN A
CANDIDATE
NOMINATING
PETITION**

**CONTRIBUTE A
\$5 DOLLAR
QUALIFYING
CONTRIBUTION**

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- Optional method of collecting petition signatures and \$5 Qualifying Contributions.
- Accessible through the Secretary of State's candidate portal.
- A candidate may collect all of their \$5 qualifying contributions through E-Qual.
- Candidates will need to set up an electronic payment account.
 - Candidates should refer to the E-Qual User Manual when establishing the campaign's payment account, available at azsos.gov.

CAMPAIGN FUNDING OPTIONS


Traditional or Participating

Funding Options

- Traditional Funding
 - All candidates
 - Raise contributions the traditional way throughout the campaign.
- Clean Funding Program
 - Only for statewide and legislative candidates
 - Must qualify for funding
 - Must agree to forgo special interest contributions

Becoming a Participating Candidate

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☐ Initial Application
☐ Amended Application

 **STATE OF ARIZONA**
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
AS A PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §§16-947 and 948 and AAC R2-20-104 (D)

NAME OF CANDIDATE JOE CANDIDATE		COMMITTEE ID NUMBER 200810011	
OFFICE SOUGHT STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT NO. 30		DATE 8/16/2008	
PARTY AFFILIATION REPUBLICAN		ELECTION CYCLE 2008	
CANDIDATE'S ADDRESS 123 USA STREET		CITY PHOENIX	STATE AZ
CANDIDATE'S TELEPHONE # (602) 555-0000	CANDIDATE'S FAX # (602) 555-0001	CANDIDATE'S EMAIL ADDRESS ELECTCANDIDATE@AZCLEANELECTIONS.GOV	
NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE JOE CANDIDATE			
COMMITTEE ADDRESS 123 USA STREET		CITY YOUR CITY	STATE AZ
COMMITTEE MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above) 123 USA STREET		CITY YOUR CITY	STATE AZ
COMMITTEE TELEPHONE # (602) 555-0000	COMMITTEE FAX # (602) 555-0001	COMMITTEE EMAIL ADDRESS ELECTCANDIDATE@AZCLEANELECTIONS.GOV	
NAME OF DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL WITH AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE) (A.R.S. §16-948)			
DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP
DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S TELEPHONE #	DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S FAX #	DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL'S EMAIL	
LIST THE NAME OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION FROM WHICH THE CANDIDATE AND THE DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL WILL CONDUCT ALL FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (Do not list account numbers). (A.R.S. §16-948A)			
NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION BANK OF AMERICA			

DESIGNATED CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT (if applicable) (A.R.S. §16-948(B)): I hereby designate _____ as my duly authorized Designated Individual, with the authority to withdraw funds and make expenditures from my campaign account on my behalf.

Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

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Candidate's Signature _____ Date _____

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- File Application for Certification as a Participating Candidate:
 - Filed with Secretary of State's Office.
 - Reviewed by Commission Staff.
 - Deadline is July 30, 2024
- If Statement of Organization is filed the same day as Application for Certification, no campaign finance report is necessary.
- If filed separately, a campaign finance report detailing all financial activity is required.
- Candidates are notified within 7 calendar days if they are certified.

Clean Elections Funding Amounts

Election Funding	Governor*	Secretary of State*	Attorney General*	Treasurer*	Supt. Of Public Inst.*	Corporation Commission	Mine Inspector*	Legislature
Primary	\$1,046,328	\$271,130	\$271,130	\$135,535	\$135,535	\$135,535	\$67,792	\$21,173
General	\$1,569,492	\$406,695	\$406,695	\$203,303	\$203,303	\$203,303	\$101,688	\$31,760
Independent	\$1,831,074	\$474,478	\$474,478	\$237,187	\$237,187	\$237,187	\$118,636	\$37,053

- **Independent candidates:**

- Receive a single disbursement of 70% of the combined primary and general election funds.

- **One Party Dominate Legislative Candidates:**

- Legislative candidates who are in a one-party dominant district may choose to receive the general funding amount in the primary election if they are in the dominant party and in a contested primary.
- Candidates who make this choice will receive an amount equal to the primary election funding amount in the general election.

*not on the ballot in 2024

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

*Reporting Requirements,
Contributions, Expenditures, and
Usage of Funds*

Campaign Finance Disclosure

- Candidates must file campaign finance reports electronically with the Secretary of State's office.
 - Accessed through the Secretary of State's website at www.azsos.gov
 - Each report must include all contributions, expenditures, outstanding debt, and financial activity for the reporting period.
- Participating candidates are required to file up to 10 campaign finance reports.
 - Reports are reviewed by the Commission staff.

Campaign Contributions

A.R.S. §16-901(11)

- “**Contribution**” means any gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or anything of value made for the purpose of influencing an election. This includes:
 - A contribution that is made to retire campaign debt from a previous election cycle.
 - Money or fair market value of anything that is directly or indirectly provided to an elected official for the specific purpose of defraying the expense of communications with constituents.
 - The full purchase price of any item from a committee.
 - A loan that is made to a committee for the purpose of influencing an election, to the extent the loan remains outstanding

Disclosure Requirements for Contributions

- A campaign finance report must include all contributions accepted by the committee through the end of the reporting period.
- Each contribution shall include the name, address, occupation and employer of the contributor.
- In-State Contributions of \$100 or less may be aggregated.
- For all contributions from out-of-state individuals, regardless of amount, a campaign committee is required to record and report each contributor's name, address, occupation, and employer

Contributions Exceptions

A.R.S. §16-911

- **Campaign Volunteers** - A volunteer's services or expenses that are incurred through volunteering are not considered campaign contributions. Volunteer services are unlimited and do not need to be reported such as:
 - Travel expenses
 - Use of real or personal property
 - Cost of invitations, food or beverages - event expenses
 - Internet activity such as the use of unpaid e-mail and social media
- **Political Party Exception** - A payment by a political party to support its nominee is not a contribution (e.g. printing or distribution of voter guides, sample ballots, pins, bumper stickers, handbills, brochures, posters, yard signs and other similar materials distributed through the party). This also includes expenditures that are coordinated with the party's nominee.
- **Legal and Accounting Services** - The payment of a committee's legal or accounting expenses by any person is not considered a campaign contribution.

Campaign Expenditures

A.R.S. §16-901(25)

- **Expenditures**

- An “expenditure” means any purchase, payment or thing of value that is made by a person for the purpose of influencing an election.
- All expenditures made by the campaign committee must be reported in the period in which they are incurred.
- Participating candidates may only use campaign funds to pay for goods and services for direct campaign purposes.

Thank you!
