

2023 Candidate Filing Information

Important dates

May 1	First Day filing officer may receive candidate declarations by mail
May 15, 9:00am	Official Candidate filing online and in person opens
May 19, 4:00pm	Candidate filing closes. Lot Draw for ballot order after 4:00pm
May 22, 4:00pm	Candidate withdrawal deadline
May 26, 4:00pm	Final day to submit your candidate biography, statement and photo for the Local Voters' Pamphlet

File online at www.masoncountywaelections.gov

Requirements to file online

- Be registered to vote in the district for which you are filing.
- Pay with Visa, MasterCard or American Express (credit or debit).
 - There are no additional card fees if you file online.
 - Filing fees are not refundable, even if you withdraw your candidacy.
- Provide a valid email address.

Online Candidate Filing will be Open 24 hours a day starting May 15th at 9:00am and closes promptly at 4:00pm May 19th.

- You must submit before 4:00 pm on Friday, May 19th. The portal will stop receiving declarations at that time.
- Mobile devices are not recommended.
- Payment must be received before an election official can process the declaration of candidacy (must be received before 4:00 pm May 19th).
- Please allow 24-48 hours for candidacy approval. You will receive a confirmation email to the candidate email address.

File in person or by mail

The Mason County Auditor's Office accepts filings for all offices in Mason County.

- Candidate filling is open Monday May 15th 9:00am through Friday May 19th 4:00pm.
- Vote Center located at 411 N 5th Street, Shelton (2nd floor)
- Or by mail send to:
 - Mason County Auditor, PO Box 400, Shelton, WA 98584
- Complete a Declaration of Candidacy form and submit filing fee (If applicable), both must be received during the filing period.
- In person, pay with cash, check, credit or debit card. By mail, check or money order only.
 - Payment must be received before an election official can process the declaration of candidacy.
- Paying with a credit or debit card in the office has an addition processing fee.
- Filing fees are not refundable, even if you withdraw your candidacy.

Order of Names - Lot Draw

After the close of filing, Friday, May 19th 4:00pm.

- Names will be drawn at random to determine the order of candidate names on the Primary Election ballot. The lot draw order will apply to all races.

Offices in a Primary Election

Partisan Office – have a Primary Election regardless of the number of candidates filed unless the office is an unexpired county race.

- The following races skip the Primary Election: Cemetery, some judicial districts, any unexpired county partisan race with one candidate and PCO with only one candidate.

Nonpartisan Office – three or more candidates filed in the Primary Election.

Withdrawal of Candidacy

A candidate must complete the Withdrawal of Candidacy form and return in person, by email or fax. It must be received by 4:00pm Monday May 22nd to be removed as a candidate from the election. The form is available in our office or on our website www.masoncountywaelections.gov

Campaign Regulation

For political advertising and financial regulations and reporting, all State and local candidates should contact:

Washington Public Disclosure Commission

- Website - pdc.wa.gov
- Toll Free - 1 (877) 601-2828 or (360) 753-1111