



Candidate Information for Major Party Candidates and Candidates for Nonpartisan Offices

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◆ Filing Deadlines ([13-10-201](#), MCA)

- **January 11, 2018** First day to file Declaration and Oath of Candidacy, and pay filing fee (unless indigent) with appropriate filing officer
- **March 12, 2018** 5 p.m. 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 a congressional office, a statewide office or state 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 and Fee Information

[Online Candidate Filing](#)
[2018 Candidate Calendar](#)
[Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy](#)
[2018 Offices, Qualifications, and Fees](#)

◆ Other Important Information

- [Title 13 Election Laws](#)
- The candidate declaration for nomination and oath of candidacy form cannot be filed with the appropriate filing officer before **January 11, 2018**.
- Candidates can use the **online candidate filing service** at <http://sosmt.gov/Elections/Filing> to file for office and pay the filing fee – **available at 8:00 a.m. January 11, 2018**; 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://sosmt.gov/Elections/Filing/Information>.