

Major Political Party-Federal

Candidates must be registered to vote as a member of a major political party they wish to run under by September 11, 2025.

Filing Method *candidates may file entirely online and skip the paper forms*

→ Filing by fee:

- ☐ Online through [ORESTAR](#) with existing or newly created account
(See the [ORESTAR User's Manual: Candidacy Filing](#) for instructions on filing electronically) **or**
- ☐ By completing the paper form [SEL 101-Candidate Filing](#)

→ Filing by petition, 1,000 signatures from members of the candidates' same political party:

- ☐ Petition may be filed with required number of signatures instead of paying a filing fee. All signatures must be of active registered voters in Oregon and members of the same political party. Complete form [SEL 101 - Candidate Filing](#) marking "Prospective Petition".
Approval to collect signatures in place of the filing fee is required prior to gathering signatures.

Qualifications for office

- ☐ Must be a US citizen for 9 years for US Senate and 7 years for US Representative.
- ☐ Registered to vote as a member of Democratic or Republican party by September 11, 2025.
- ☐ At least 30 years old for US Senate and 25 years for US Representative at the time of election.
- ☐ Live in Oregon at the time of election.

Campaign Finance

There are no campaign finance reporting requirements in Oregon for candidates who file for a federal office, but you may have requirements through the Federal Elections Commission. Their website is www.fec.gov.

Voters' Pamphlet

The Oregon Voters' Pamphlet is a publication produced and distributed by the Elections Division. It contains information about candidates, measures and political parties, as well as information about the election process. To appear in the voters' pamphlet, you must file a statement online using ORESTAR available at oregonvotes.gov and either:

→ pay a filing fee

or

→ submit a completed voters' pamphlet petition containing required number of signatures.

Approval to collect signature in lieu of the filing fee is required prior to gathering signatures.



The signatures collected for a candidate filing petition cannot be used for a voters' pamphlet petition. They are two separate petitions.



The filing period for the 2026 Primary is **January 19, 2026, through 5:00:00 pm March 12, 2026.**

The filing period for the 2026 General is **July 6, 2026, through 5:00:00 pm August 25, 2026.**