

Nonaffiliated Candidates-Federal

Candidates who are not members of any political party file for office at the **general election**.

A candidate must be registered to vote as a nonaffiliated voter as of **February 26, 2026**.

Filing Method

→ Individual Electors:

- ☐ By submitting Form [SEL 114 Candidate Filing-Individual Electors](#)

To be nominated by individual electors the candidate needs to obtain at least 1% of the number of votes cast in the district for president.

→ Assembly of Electors:

- ☐ By submitting Form [SEL 115 Candidate Filing -Assembly of Electors](#) and holding an Assembly of Electors held in one place, at one time, during a 12-hour period collecting **1,000** of the required number of valid signature from active registered voters in Oregon for US Senate and **500** for US Representative.

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 nonaffiliated voter by February 26, 2026.
- ☐ 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 the required number of signatures.

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



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