

## Nonaffiliated Candidates

Presidential candidates that are not registered as a member of a major or minor political party may be nominated to appear on the general election ballot by submitting:

- A completed individual elector nominating petition containing the required number of valid signatures from active registered voters.

**or**

- By holding an assembly of electors nominating convention and filing the assembly minutes containing the required number of signatures from assembly participants. The assembly is conducted by a presiding officer and nominations are recorded by the assembly secretary in the minutes. Assembly participants must be active registered voters.

To begin the **Individual Electors** petition process:

- 1 Each candidate must file form **SEL 114 Candidate Filing – Individual Electors** marked *Prospective Petition* and designating whether *Petition circulators will be paid*.



Candidate filing forms must be completed, signed and submitted for all candidates. Candidates include President, Vice President and seven Electors of President and Vice President.

- 2 The Elections Division will review the **SEL 114** for required information and if complete will provide the approved signature sheet.
- 3 Once the required number of signatures have been collected, submit the sheets to our office for verification along with a completed **Petition Submission – Candidate, Voters’ Pamphlet (SEL 338)**. **The required number of signatures is 20,014.**

To begin the **Assembly of Electors** process:

- 1 Each candidate must file form **SEL 115 Candidate Filing – Assembly of Electors** completed and signed by the candidate.



Candidate filing forms must be completed, signed and submitted for all candidates. Candidates include President, Vice President and seven Electors of President and Vice President.

- 2 The Elections Division will review the **SEL 115** for required information and if complete will provide approval to organize and schedule the assembly of electors. To nominate candidates the assembly must be conducted in one place at one time within a 12 hour period.
- 3 After the assembly is held and the required number of signatures collected, the presiding officer submits the sheets to our office for verification along with a completed **Petition Submission – Candidate, Voters’ Pamphlet (SEL 338)**. The required number of signatures is 1,000.



You may begin either of these processes at any time. However, you may only submit signatures for verification beginning **June 3, 2020**. Additionally you must allow sufficient time for signature collection or the convening of the assembly and for the verification process to be completed prior to **5pm** on the filing deadline, **August 25, 2020**. To ensure we have time to complete signature verification, you would need to submit signatures to us no later than **August 11, 2020**.

## 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](http://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](http://oregonvotes.gov) and either:

→ pay a \$3,500 filing fee

or

→ submit a completed voters' pamphlet petition containing 500 signatures. Approval to collect signatures 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 2020 General is **July 6, 2020**, through **5 pm August 25, 2020**.