



Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State  
**AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY**

Filing # _____
Cash/Check # _____
Amount \$ _____

**Instructions**

All information on this form is available to the public. Information provided may be published on the Secretary of State's website. If filing for partisan office and not a major party candidate, you must file both an affidavit of candidacy and a nominating petition. (Minn. Stat. 204B.03)

**Candidate Information**

**Name, Office, and Party**

Candidate Name (as it will appear on the ballot) \_\_\_\_\_

Office Sought \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_

Political Party or Principle (State or Federal offices only) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Incumbent (Judicial seats only) \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED Contact Information**

(Federal, judicial, county attorney, and county sheriff candidates are exempt) Check box if you do not have an email address

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email (non-government issued) \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED Residence Address Information**

(Federal, judicial, county attorney, and county sheriff candidates are exempt; candidates checking the box below are also exempt)

My residence address is to be classified as private data.

I certify a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, or I have a reasonable fear for my or my family's safety; or my address is otherwise private by Minnesota law. I have attached a separate form listing my residence address.

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Campaign Contact Information** (Address required if box above is checked; otherwise campaign contact information is optional)

Campaign Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Website \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmation**

For all offices, I swear (or affirm) that this is my true name or the name by which I am generally known in the community.

If filing for a state or local office, I also swear (or affirm) that:

- I am eligible to vote in Minnesota;
- I have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming primary or general election except as authorized by Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 9;
- I am, or will be on assuming office, 21 years of age or more;
- I will have maintained residence in this district for at least 30 days before the general election;
- If a major political party candidate, I either participated in the party's most recent precinct caucuses or intend to vote for a majority of that party's candidates at the next general election; and
- I have provided valid identification or documentation of proof of residence authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 1b that matches the residence address information provided on this affidavit or on a separate form, if address is classified as private data.  **Filing officer initial once verified**

If filing for one of the following offices, I also swear (or affirm) that I meet the requirements listed below:

- **United States Senator** – I will be an inhabitant of this state when elected and I will be at least 30 years old and a citizen of the United States for not less than nine years on the next January 3rd, or if filled at special election, within 21 days after the election.
- **United States Representative** – I will be an inhabitant of this state when elected and I will be at least 25 years old and a citizen of the United States for not less than seven years on the next January 3rd, or if filled at special election, within 21 days after the election.
- **Governor or Lieutenant Governor** – I will be at least 25 years old on the first Monday of the next January and a resident of Minnesota for not less than one year on election day. I am filing jointly with \_\_\_\_\_
- **Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, District Court Judge, or County Attorney** – I am learned in the law and licensed to practice law in Minnesota. My Minnesota attorney license number is \_\_\_\_\_ and a copy of my license is attached.
- **Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, or District Court Judge** – I will not turn 70 years of age before the first Monday of next January.
- **State Senator or State Representative** – I will have maintained residence in Minnesota not less than one year and in this district for six months on the day of the general or special election.
- **County Sheriff** – I am a licensed peace officer in Minnesota. My Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training license number is \_\_\_\_\_ and a copy of my license is attached.
- **School Board Member** – I have not been convicted of an offense for which registration is required under Minn. Stat. 243.166.
- **County, Municipal, School District, or Special District Office** – I meet any other qualifications for that office prescribed by law.

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(Notary stamp)

Notary public or other officer empowered to take and certify acknowledgement

# Affidavit of Candidacy Reminders

All information on the affidavit of candidacy is considered public data.

## Candidate Name

- Clearly write name in mixed upper- and lower-case letters, including punctuation and accents.
- It must be the name as commonly known in the community and cannot include titles.

## Party

- Partisan offices are US President, US Senator, US Representative, Governor, Lt. Governor, State Auditor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, MN Senator, and MN Representative.
- Candidates for partisan office that are not affiliated with a major political party must file a valid petition along with their affidavit of candidacy. See [mnvotes.gov](http://mnvotes.gov) for list of current major parties and petition requirements.

## Contact and Residence Information

- Phone, email, and all address information is optional for federal, judicial, county attorney, and county sheriff candidates.
- All other candidates must include phone number.
- All other candidates must include non-government issued email address unless they do not have one.
- If candidates check the “My residence address is to be classified as private data” box, they must also submit the Address of Residence form and enter a Campaign Address on this affidavit.
- Residence address must be where candidate lives. The residence address cannot be a PO Box.
- Candidates may contact their filing officer later to update the campaign information.
- When filing, candidates must provide ID or other documentation authorized in *Minn. Stat.* 204B.06, subd. 1b that matches the residence address.

## Timeframe for Filing & Fees

- Affidavits must be submitted during the designated filing period, with the noted exception below.
- Regular filing periods are listed at [mnvotes.gov](http://mnvotes.gov). Contact the filing officer for special election filing periods.
- Affidavits may be mailed in or dropped off by others, but must 1) be notarized, 2) include a copy of identification or other documentation authorized in *Minn Stat.* 204B.06 subd. 1 that matches the residence address on the affidavit, 3) have all other required information completed, and 4) have payment for filing fee included. Completed affidavits and filing fees must be received by the filing officer within the filing period.
  - Exception: candidates for federal, state, or county offices (*Minn. Stat.* 204B.09 subd. 1a) or candidates for municipal office (*Minn. Stat.* 205.13 subd. 1b) who will be absent from the state during the filing period may submit the affidavit early.
- Statutory filing fees are listed at [mnvotes.gov](http://mnvotes.gov). Charter cities may have other fees, contact the city clerk for details.

## Where to File

- Federal candidates must file with the Office of the Secretary of State (OSS).
- Candidates for state and judicial offices may file with OSS or auditor of county of residence.
- County offices (including soil & water district) file with county auditor.
- City, town, school candidates file with their city, town, or school clerk.
- Hospital district candidates file with city or town of residence, or with county auditor if in unorganized territory.