

Major Political Party, County Central Committee

Term of Office

Two or four years, per party rules ([R.C. 3517.03](#))

Qualifications

- **Residency Requirement:** Must be a qualified elector residing in the election precinct, city, ward or township from which elected, as determined by the outgoing committee ([OH Const. Art. XV, §4, R.C. 3517.02](#))
- **Filing Deadline:** By **4 p.m. on February 2, 2022** (90 days before the primary election) ([R.C. 3513.05](#))
- **Filing Fee:** None ([R.C. 3513.10\(C\)](#))
- **Petition Form Numbers:**
 - [Form 2-L \(Declaration of Candidacy – Petition\)](#) or
 - [Form 2-M \(Declaration of Candidacy – No Petition\)](#), per party determination ([R.C. 3513.051](#))
- **File with:** County board of elections ([R.C. 3513.05](#), [R.C. 3517.03](#))
- **Signature Requirements:**
 - [Form 2-L](#) – Five signatures, per party determination ([R.C. 3513.05](#)), or
 - [Form 2-M](#) – No signatures, per party determination ([R.C. 3513.051](#))

Minor Parties

Prospective candidates of a minor party that has filed a party formation petition should follow the signature requirements and filing deadlines outlined in [Chapter 13](#) of the Ohio Election Official Manual.* Nominating petitions for use by prospective candidates of a minor party that has filed a party formation petition are available on the Secretary of State’s website ([Form 4-G](#)).

Prospective candidates of a recognized minor party should follow the signature requirements and filing deadlines listed for minor party candidates in this guide below the office being sought.

*Following the 2020 General Election, no minor political party met the threshold for minor party recognition under Ohio law. Therefore, as of the time of publication, no minor political party presently qualifies for ballot access as a legally recognized minor political party under Ohio law. See [Advisory 2021-01](#).

Write-in Candidates

Any person wanting to be a write-in candidate for most offices must file a Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate. Only write-in candidates who filed a valid declaration of intent will have votes counted in the election for which the candidate filed. ([R.C. 3513.041](#))

A write-in candidate must meet all of the qualifications of the office being sought. (Please review the qualifications in this guide for the specific office being sought.)

No write-in space may appear for the office of state central committee of a political party in Ohio. ([O.A.G. 70-011](#))

- **Filing Deadline:**

- **Write-in for Primary Election:** By **4 p.m. on February 22, 2022*** (72 days before the primary election) ([R.C. 3513.041](#))
- **Write-in for General Election:** By **4 p.m. on August 29, 2022*** (72 days before the general election) ([R.C. 3513.041](#))

**Note: In some instances, the statutory deadline falls on a day when the offices of the Secretary of State and boards of elections are closed. In those instances, the deadlines are extended, pursuant to R.C. 1.14, to the next succeeding business day when the appropriate office is open for regular business hours. The preceding dates reflect the extended deadline.*

- **Filing Fee:** A write-in candidate must pay the same filing fee as any other candidate for the office. Please review the filing fee information in this guide for the specific office being sought. ([R.C. 3513.10](#))

- **Form Numbers:**

- [Form 13](#) all offices except United States Senator/Representative or Governor/Lieutenant Governor
- [Form 13-B](#) Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- [Form 13-C](#) United States Representative

- **File with:** A write-in candidate must file their Declaration of Intent to be a Write-In Candidate form with the appropriate county board of elections or the Secretary of State's office, as applicable. Please review the "File with" section in this guide for the specific office being sought. ([R.C. 3513.05](#))