



**Anne
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Fundraising Campaign Finance

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for

State Delegate

2022 Frederick

Campaign Finance Committee

State and County Candidates

Candidates must open an authorized candidate campaign committee before receiving contributions or making expenditures, or when they file to run

Where? State Board of Elections

A political committee may file the Affidavit if the political committee did not receive contributions or make expenditures in the cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more

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Campaign Finance Committee

MUST have a Treasurer

ONLY the treasurer has the authority to make disbursements from campaign funds

(candidate and others can be reimbursed by Treasurer for expenses)

Treasurer must file campaign reports

Treasurer cannot run for office



Opening A Bank Account

- **Need an Employer Identification Number**
 - File Form SS-4 with www.irs.gov.
 - Personal identification of Treasurer and Candidate
 - The Statement of Organization for the Campaign Committee

Contribution Limits

A candidate or candidate's spouse may make an unlimited contribution to their own campaign

A candidate may also make a loan to their campaign account

CONTRIBUTIONS AND TRANSFERS LIMITS CHART

Donors \ Recipients	Candidate Committee	Political Action Committee (PAC) ¹⁹	Slate Committee	Party Central Committee- State	Party Central Committee- Local	Ballot Issue Committee- State & Local	Legislative Party Caucus Committee
Individual/ Business Entity/ Union/ Political Club ²⁰	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000 ²¹	\$6,000	Unlimited	\$6,000 ²²
Authorized Candidate Campaign Committee	\$6,000	\$6,000	Unlimited ²³	\$6,000 ²⁴	\$6,000 ²⁵	Unlimited	Unlimited or \$6,000 ²⁶
PAC	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	Unlimited	\$6,000
Slate Committee	\$24,000 ²⁷	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	Unlimited	\$6,000
Party Central Committee- State	\$6,000 ²⁸	\$6,000	\$6,000	N/A	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$6,000
Party Central Committee-Local	\$6,000 ²⁹	\$6,000	\$6,000	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	\$6,000
Ballot Issue Committee- State & Local	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	Unlimited	\$6,000
Legislative Party Caucus Committees	\$24,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	Unlimited	\$6,000

Fundraising

- Set your goal based on win number
 - Weekly
 - Monthly
 - Each Finance Report Deadline
- Make a list
- Call Everyone
- Pause for their answer
- **Celebrate** every dollar – Thank you!
- Support your sister candidates



Authority Line

1

All campaign material must include an authority line

2

Name of Campaign Finance Committee

3

Name of Treasurer,
Treasurer

Penalties

5. Criminal Penalties

A person who knowingly and willfully violates a provision of Title 13 is subject to a fine of no more than \$25,000 and/or imprisonment up to one (1) year.

-§ 13-603 of the Election Law Article

6. Civil Penalties issued by the State Board.

	1 st Offense	2 nd Offense	3 rd and Subsequent Offenses
A. Disbursement made by unauthorized individual			
(1) If made by a person other than the responsible officers or candidate	\$250	\$500	\$500
(2) If made by a candidate	\$500	\$500	\$500
(3) If made by the chair and not in accordance with Election Law Article §13-218(d)	\$250	\$500	\$500
B. Failure to maintain a campaign bank account			
(1) No bank account	\$50	\$250	\$500

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(2) Used personal or other account controlled by the responsible officers or candidate	\$500	\$500	\$500
C. Disbursement by unauthorized methods			
(1) Credit card disbursement	\$100	\$500	\$500
(2) Cash disbursement greater than \$25	\$100	\$500	\$500
(3) Non-check disbursement for walk-around services	\$100	\$250	\$500
D. Failure to maintain account books and records			
(1) Loan documents	\$250	\$500	\$500
(2) Bank records	\$500	\$500	\$500
(3) Expenditure records	\$100	\$250	\$500
(4) Campaign contribution records or receipts	\$100	\$250	\$500
(5) Records for lump sum entries	\$100	\$250	\$500
E. Failure to report contribution(s) on a campaign finance report			
(1) Less than 10 contributions	\$50	\$250	\$500
(2) Between 10 and 20 contributions	\$150	\$300	\$500
(3) More than 20 contributions	\$300	\$500	\$500
(4) Knowingly and willfully failed to disclose a contribution	\$500	\$500	\$500
F. Failure to report expenditure(s) on a campaign finance report			
(1) Less than 10 expenditures	\$50	\$250	\$500
(2) Between 10 and 20 expenditures	\$150	\$300	\$500
(3) More than 20 expenditures	\$300	\$500	\$500
(4) Knowingly and willfully failed to disclose a expenditure	\$500	\$500	\$500
G. Failure to include authority line or authority line is insufficient			
(1) No Authority Line	\$250	\$500	\$500
(2) Present but missing one or more requirements	\$50	\$150	\$350
H. Failure to retain a copy of campaign material			
	\$250	\$500	\$500

The campaign bears the responsibility for payment of any violation. However, if the political committee is unable to pay, then the responsible officers are personally liable for the payment of the civil penalty.



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