



Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy

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DECLARATION AND OATH OF CANDIDACY TO BE FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OR ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR AS APPLICABLE

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office of: _____ ☐ Party Primary: _____ **OR** ☐ Nonpartisan **OR** ☐ General
Full name of office including district/dept. #s, if applicable Name of Political Party

Candidate Name: _____

Mailing Address _____ City and State _____ Zip Code _____

Residence Address _____ City and State _____ Zip Code _____

County of Residence _____ Contact Phone _____ Email Address _____ Website Address _____

☐ **I hereby affirm** *I am a registered voter in the State of Montana or will be by the candidate filing deadline.*
(Does not apply to Federal candidates or individuals under the age of 18 at the candidate filing deadline who will turn 18 by the election.)

IF THIS DECLARATION IS FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Lieutenant Governor Name (printed exactly as it should appear on the ballot): _____

Mailing Address: _____ Residence Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Website Address: _____

IF THIS DECLARATION IS FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE, YOU MUST SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

☐ **I hereby affirm I am** either a resident of the county in which I am a candidate, if it contains one or more legislative districts, or of the legislative district if it contains all or parts of more than one county.

OR

☐ **I hereby affirm I will** be a resident of the county in which I am a candidate, if it contains one or more legislative districts, or of the legislative district if it contains all or parts of more than one county, for 6 months preceding the general election and will notify the office of the Secretary of State in writing when I qualify or if I do not qualify.

OATH OF CANDIDACY - Candidate must sign in the presence of a notary public or an officer of the office where form is filed:

I hereby affirm *I possess, or will possess within constitutional and statutory deadlines, the qualifications prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Montana.*

Signature of Candidate

Date

Where to file Federal, Statewide, State District, and Legislative offices:

Montana Secretary of State
P.O. Box 202801
State Capitol Building
1301 E. 6th Ave, 2nd Floor, Room 260
Helena, MT 59620
Online: sosmt.gov/elections/filing/
Fax: 406-444-2023

Where to file County, City, and most Local District offices:

County Election Office

A list of county election offices may be found at: sosmt.gov/elections

NOTARY PUBLIC OR AUTHORIZED OFFICER

State of Montana
County of _____

Signed and sworn to before me this ____ day of _____, 20____,

by _____

Printed Name of Candidate

Signature of Notary or Public Official

[SEAL/STAMP]



Write-In Candidate Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy – Continued

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Candidate Name:

IF THIS DECLARATION AND OATH IS FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Petition for Nomination of Lieutenant Governor:

Lieutenant Governor Candidate Name

FILING FEE AND CANDIDATE CERTIFICATIONS - Fee must be paid before filing is valid.

☐ A candidate filing fee, if applicable, in the amount of \$ is hereby submitted with this Declaration and Oath of Candidacy.

By checking both boxes below, I make the following certifications:

☐ I certify pursuant to [13-10-211](#) (6), MCA, I understand a declaration of intent for a write-in candidate is not valid until any filing fee required under [13-10-202](#), MCA, is received by the Secretary of State or election administrator, as applicable. I further certify this declaration serves as my declaration of acceptance of the nomination or election pursuant to [13-10-204](#) and [13-15-111](#); **AND**

☐ I understand pursuant to [13-10-211](#)(1), MCA, a write-in candidate must file any initials, nicknames, derivatives, or diminutives of the candidate's name the candidate wishes to have counted if written in by a voter instead of how the write-in candidate's name is listed above.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE DESIGNATIONS

Pursuant to [13-10-302](#) and [13-15-206](#), MCA, a write-in vote may only be counted if the oval or other designated voting area on the ballot is marked and the write-in vote identifies a declared write-in candidate by any of the designations filed in the write-in candidate's declaration of intent which must contain:

- i) first **and** last name;
- ii) initials, if any, used instead of a first name, or first and middle name, **and** last name;
- iii) nickname, if any, used instead of a first name, **and** last name; and
- iv) a derivative or diminutive name, if any, used instead of a first name, **and** last name:

As part of my declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate, I list the following variations of my name pursuant to [13-10-211](#)(1), MCA, **including my last name and at least an initial** as required by law for **each** variation:

Additional name variations may be listed on a separate sheet of paper and attached to this Declaration and Oath.