

Washington State Candidates

Guide to the 2020 Ballot

COVID-19 Response: To maintain a safe environment for everyone, we urge each candidate to submit their Declaration of Candidacy and Voters' Pamphlet profile **online**. The Legislative Building will not be open for filing candidates. We will only accept paper forms by mail or in person at the State Elections Office located at 520 Union Avenue SE, Olympia, WA.

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Secretary of State

In Washington state, we enjoy a unique tradition of promoting citizen involvement in our political system. Under the provisions of our state constitution, every registered voter has the right to run for office and to have their name appear on the August Primary and November General Election ballots without approval from a political party.

Washington residents also enjoy other special rights, such as the right to initiative and referendum, the right to recall elected officials, and the right to a state Voters' Pamphlet containing detailed information about ballot measures and candidates. These are important tools at the electorate's disposal.

This publication explains state election law relating to filing for office. Please note, this publication is not a substitute for the statutes and regulations governing this process but rather should be read in conjunction with them.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your county elections office or the Secretary of State's Elections Division.

We will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Neary".

Mark Neary
Assistant Secretary of State

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Alternate document formats are available upon request.

Checklist — you will need:

- Filing Fee — if applicable
- Voters' Pamphlet photograph, biography, statement

Where to file

The Secretary of State accepts candidate filings for federal and statewide offices and for any legislative, court of appeals, and superior court offices serving more than one county.

Your county elections office accepts filings for all other offices. Online filing is now available at all county elections offices. Contact your county elections office for directions and hours of operation (page 10).

There are three ways you may file:

1. Online
For the best possible service, file online at **sos.wa.gov/elections**. Online filing begins May 11 at 9 a.m. and ends May 15 at 4 p.m. You will need an email address and a credit card.
2. By mail
If you file with the Secretary of State, you may mail your declaration and filing fee to:

Candidate Filing
Office of the Secretary of State
PO Box 40229
Olympia, WA 98504-0229
3. In person
The Washington State Elections Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Washington State Elections
520 Union Avenue SE
Olympia, Washington 98501

Important dates

- April 27 Candidates may file by mail
- May 11 Online and in-person candidate filing begins
- May 15 All candidate filing ends
- May 18 Last day to withdraw from ballot
- May 22 Last day to submit Voters' Pamphlet content

Approval

Please provide a contact email address when you file. This is how we will communicate with you. This can be separate from your public campaign email.

Once you have been approved as a candidate for office, an email will confirm your candidacy.

After your filing is approved and your filing fee has been paid, your name will appear on any official list as a candidate for office.

The final ballot order of candidates in your race will be determined by lot draw after candidate filing ends.

Qualifications

You must be a registered voter and possess the qualifications specified by law.

If a candidate must be selected by voters from a geographic subdivision of a jurisdiction in the primary, the candidate must be registered to vote within that subdivision. (RCW 29A.24.075)

Contact the jurisdiction of the office to learn if there are additional qualifications.

You may update your registration any time before filing. Contact your county of residence for help or visit **VoteWA.gov**.



Online filing is fast and easy!

The online filing tool will give you step-by-step instructions, email a confirmation of your filing, alert you when other candidates file in your race, and provide a link to submit your Voters' Pamphlet content.

sos.wa.gov/elections



Voters' Pamphlet Tips

- Before filing, prepare and save your statement and biography in a separate program to copy and paste.
- Have your statement ready to submit online with your declaration of candidacy. Statements are not made public until after the submission deadline.

All candidates must submit a Declaration of Candidacy during the regular filing period. This can be done online or at a kiosk available in the Secretary of State's office.

If you need to file by mail, visit our website to print a paper form to fill out and mail in. Mailed declarations cannot be received by our office before April 27.

Personal information

Enter your name and address exactly as it appears on your voter registration. You must also provide contact information for direct communication between the Office of the Secretary of State and your campaign.

Campaign information

All candidate information is public information and will be publicly available. For online display of the Who Filed list and Online Voters' Guide, you may choose to display a campaign address instead of your voter registration address.

It is strongly recommended that you also provide a campaign telephone number, website, and email address for publication.

Government offices may not be used for campaign or candidate information.

Office information

Choose the jurisdiction, office name, and position or district number for which you want to be a candidate.

You are responsible for meeting all qualifications and filing for the correct office. The list of offices open for election is available online.

Ballot name

Enter your name exactly as you want it to appear on the ballot. Nicknames are acceptable, but the last name must be the name under which you are registered to vote.

Titles denoting occupations, including military rank, positions on issues, political affiliation, symbols, or anything intentionally designed to mislead voters are not acceptable.

Party preference

If you are filing for a partisan office, you may state the party name you prefer using 18 characters or less.

The first letter of each word of the party preference will be capitalized (example: Progress For All). Acronyms or initialisms will be printed in all caps with or without periods. No changes to party preference will be accepted after the deadline for withdrawal of candidacy.

Your party preference will appear on the ballot and in the Voters' Pamphlet. If left blank, "States No Party Preference" will be printed.

Party preference plays no role in determining how candidates are elected to public office.

Party preference is entirely your decision and does not imply you have been nominated, endorsed, or approved by the party.

Judicial and most local offices are nonpartisan. Do not list your party preference if you are running for a nonpartisan office.

Filing fee

Your declaration will not be approved until the required filing fee is paid.

Filing fee petitions, submitted in lieu of money by candidates with insufficient funds or assets, must be submitted at the time of filing a Declaration of Candidacy. No signatures may be submitted later.

All filing fees are non-refundable.

Oath

You will need to read and approve the oath on your online filing to complete the filing.



Washington's Top 2 Primary

Washington State's Top 2 Primary is a process of winnowing a field of candidates. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast in a primary race will advance to the General Election ballot. Party preference plays no role in determining how candidates are elected to public office.

You must submit your filing fee when you file for office.

Cost of filing

The filing fee is based upon the salary of the office.

Offices without a fixed annual salary have no filing fee.

For any office with a fixed annual salary of \$1,000 or less, candidates pay a filing fee of \$10.

For all offices with salaries exceeding \$1,000, candidates pay a fee equal to one percent of the office's fixed annual salary.

Specific filing fees are on the list of offices open for election at sos.wa.gov/elections. Filing fees for offices filed with your County Auditor are available from your county elections office (page 10).

Accepted forms of payment

Online filing

- Credit card

In-person or by mail with the Office of the Secretary of State

- Check
- Cash
- Money order
- Valid filing fee petition

If you file with your county elections office, contact their office to determine payment methods.

Filing fees are nonrefundable, even when you withdraw or file for the wrong office.

Filing fee petitions

Candidates without sufficient assets or income may submit a filing fee petition to pay the filing fee.

Candidates submitting petition signatures may not file electronically.

Filing fees may not be paid by combining petition signatures and currency.

Only signatures of registered voters in the same jurisdiction as the office are valid. Each petition sheet (Appendix A) must:

- Be printed on uniform paper size and color
- Include a place for each voter's registration name, address, city, and county
- Provide 20 numbered lines or less
- Display the required warning and statement found in RCW 29A.24.101 and 29A.72.140

A reproducible filing fee petition form is available online at sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates as well as in this document on Appendix A.

Petitions must include a total number of valid signatures equal to the dollar amount of the filing fee.

No person may sign more than one nominating petition for the same office.

Without the required number of signatures, the petition is insufficient and your Declaration of Candidacy is invalid.

No additional signatures are accepted after initial submission at time of filing.

Petition sheets are not returned to the candidate.

Due to COVID-19 safety measures, candidates who lack assets or sufficient funds may substitute a filing fee petition with 1) the COVID-19 Filing Fee Petition Attestation and 2) the Declaration of Candidacy form. These forms can be submitted in person or via fax/email to the appropriate elections office.

Candidates submitting petition attestation may not file electronically.

Forms available at:
sos.wa.gov/elections/candidatefiling.aspx

COVID-19 Filing Fee Petition Attestation is also in this document on Appendix B.

Online submission

The deadline to submit Voters' Pamphlet information is **5 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020.**

Submissions or corrections after deadline will not be accepted.

When your filing is approved by the elections office, your contact email address will receive a notification to submit your Voters' Pamphlet information. This email will contain a unique link to submit your statement and photo. Statements are not made public until after the submission deadline.

Only candidates for the offices listed below will be included in the 2020 state Voters' Pamphlet, regardless of where they filed their Declaration of Candidacy.

- U.S. Representative
- State Executive
- State Senator
- State Representative
- Supreme Court Justice*
- Court of Appeals Judge*
- Superior Court Judge*

Please prepare the following before you file for office:

- Photograph
- Campaign contact information
- Biography
- Statement

Questions?

1-800-448-4881
voterspamphlet@sos.wa.gov

1 Photograph

You may submit one self-portrait of your head and shoulders.

Photos must be high resolution and may not be digitally altered.

Clothing or insignias that suggest holding a public office are banned. For example: judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms.

A color photo is highly preferred. For best results, use a light-colored background, but not white. Photos must be no more than five years old.

Sample of the printed voters' pamphlet

1



Candidate Name

Prefers Sample Party

2

Contact Information

(202) 456-1776; info@georgewashington.com;
www.georgewashington.com

3

Elected Experience

Virginia provincial legislature, representing Frederick County in the House of Burgesses. Former Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. No formal education, but studied mathematics, trigonometry, and surveying.

Other Professional Experience

Virginia provincial legislature, representing Frederick County in the House of Burgesses. Former Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. No formal education, but studied mathematics, trigonometry, and surveying.

Education

No formal education, but studied mathematics, trigonometry, and surveying.

Community Service

Virginia provincial legislature, representing Frederick County in the House of Burgesses. Former Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.

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Statement

George Washington, a retired general, had no wish or aspiration beyond the humble and happy lot of living and dying a private citizen at his Mount Vernon farm. However, his peers and the American people at large spread rumors declaring George Washington would likely be elected first President of the United States (much to the dismay of Washington himself). George Washington could not escape his conscience. In a formal letter of acceptance, Washington succinctly assented to what he had agonized over for more than a year. Washington concluded to obey the important and flattering call of his Country.

George Washington, as the first president, was well aware of the great responsibility of defining the American presidency. "I walk on untrodden ground," was a frequent comment he made in the days leading up to his first inauguration. Washington believed that the precedents he set must make the presidency powerful enough to function effectively in the national government, but at the same time these practices could not show any tendency toward monarchy or dictatorship. In addition to defining the actual powers of the office, Washington also needed to show the new nation how the leader of a democracy should behave socially.

2 Campaign Contact Info

The following campaign contact information will be published with your statement:

- Campaign phone number
- Campaign email
- Campaign website

Contact information does not count toward the word limits, but long web addresses such as Facebook or blogs are not allowed. You may update your contact information any time before the Friday after the Primary Election.

Proofread carefully. Your statement and biography will be printed exactly as submitted. Changes after the submission deadline are not allowed unless requested by the Office of the Secretary of State or required by court order.

3 Biography

In addition to your statement, you may provide a 100-word biography. You must use the following headings, which do not count toward the word limit.

Lists will be combined with semi-colons. If you leave a heading blank, "No information submitted" will be inserted next to that heading.

- Elected Experience**
- Other Professional Experience
- Education
- Community Service

**Judicial candidates, use Legal/Judicial Experience instead.

4 Statement

State law sets maximum word limits. Hyphenated words count as two words. Statements exceeding the word limit will be shortened by deleting full sentences from the end.

300 words ~ 6 paragraphs

- U.S. Representative
- Governor

100 words ~ 2 paragraphs

- State Representative

200 words ~ 4 paragraphs

- State Executive (except Governor)
- State Senator
- Supreme Court Justice*
- Court of Appeals Judge*
- Superior Court Judge*

Use only italics to emphasize words or phrases. Bold, underline, and all caps are not allowed.

Incorrect format will be converted to italics.

Tables, lists, and bullets are not allowed. Text must be written in paragraphs. Semi-colons will be used to combine paragraphs.

Correct

I approve of *justice* for all, *fairness* of the law, and *rehabilitation*.

Incorrect

I approve of:

- JUSTICE for all
- **Fairness** of the law
- Rehabilitation

Those named in your statement, such as an opponent or endorsement, will receive notice from our office that they were mentioned. This may result in court-ordered changes to your statement.

**Judicial candidates' statements must comply with the Judicial Code of Conduct. The Administrative Office of the Courts can review judicial statements prior to submission: Shannon Hinchcliffe at (360) 357-2124.*

Tips from Voters

- Treat this as a resume and edit carefully.
- Offer your vision. Be positive.
- What do you want to accomplish if elected?
- Describe what sets you apart from your opponent.
- Avoid criticism of your opponent.
- Who endorses your candidacy?
- Avoid technical terms and abbreviations.

After submission

The statement you submit will be displayed online no later than 45 days before the Primary and printed in the Voters' Pamphlet if you advance to the General Election. You may not submit a new statement or corrections after the Primary.

Campaign finance info

Your campaign finance information is public information. A link to your campaign finance information will appear on your page in the online voters' guide.

Candidates for state or local office should refer to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission for reporting requirements. Information and links to filing systems are available at **pdc.wa.gov**.

Candidates for U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives must report campaign finance information to the Federal Election Commission at **fec.gov**.

Withdrawal of candidacy

If you decide you no longer want your name on the ballot, A signed withdrawal form must be received by the office where you filed by the end of business on the Monday immediately following Candidate Filing Week (May 18). Candidate withdrawal forms are available at sos.wa.gov/elections.

Filing fees are nonrefundable, even if you filed for the wrong office. (RCW 29A.24.131)

If you file for the wrong office or position, you must withdraw and file again.

Special filing periods & vacated offices

If a race lacks a candidate after the close of the regular filing period and before the Primary, a special filing period opens for three business days.

Filings during special filing periods are conducted in the same manner as regular candidate filing periods.

If an office is filed for during a special filing period, the race skips the Primary to appear on the General Election ballot. (RCW 29A.24.181)

Withdrawals are not permitted if you filed during a special filing period.

Campaign signs

Contact the respective agency or department about sign restrictions, permits, and deposits.

State — Department of Transportation (page 9)
County — Public works or transportation department
City — City clerk

Withdrawal of Candidacy

RCW 29A.24.131

important information	The deadline for withdrawing is the Monday following candidate filing week. Once filed, a Declaration of Candidacy may not be altered. If the candidate decides during the filing period to change the Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate must first withdraw and then re-file. Note: Filing fees are nonrefundable.
office information	jurisdiction and office name _____ position number <i>(if applicable)</i> _____
personal information	first name _____ middle name _____ last name _____
signature	I withdraw my candidacy for the office listed above and understand that the filing fee is nonrefundable. sign here [_____] date here [_____]



Transportation Building
310 Maple Park Avenue S.E.
P.O. Box 47300
Olympia, WA 98504-7300
360-705-7000
TTY: 1-800-833-6388
www.wsdot.wa.gov

Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate Highways, primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational System. Signs erected on private property that are adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, **Sign Classification and Specific Provisions**, temporary political campaign signs are identified and regulated as a type of on-premise sign intended to express a property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or initiative. Prior to placing signs, WSDOT recommends checking with the property owner for approval and to determine property line locations. Campaign signs are allowed under the following regulations:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet.
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election.
- 3) Sign installers must have permission of the underlying property owner prior to placing signs.
- 4) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW 47.42 and WAC 468.66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs.

In addition to the above restrictions, **the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway are subject to removal by the Washington State Department of Transportation.**

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway that simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designated in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

If you should have any questions about placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact Trevor McCain at 360-705-7282 or email at mccaint@wsdot.wa.gov.

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to limit driver distraction, and protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter.

Washington State Department of Transportation

Contact Your County Elections Office

Adams County
210 W Broadway, Ste 200
Ritzville, WA 99169-1897
(509) 659-3249
elections@co.adams.wa.us

Asotin County
PO Box 129
Asotin, WA 99402-0129
(509) 243-2084
dmckay@co.asotin.wa.us

Benton County
PO Box 1440
Prosser, WA 99350-0470
(509) 736-3085
elections@co.benton.wa.us

Chelan County
350 Orondo Ave Ste 306
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 667-6808
elections.ballots@co.chelan.wa.us

Clallam County
223 E 4th St, Ste 1
Port Angeles, WA 98362
(360) 417-2221
auditor@co.clallam.wa.us

Clark County
PO Box 8815
Vancouver, WA 98666-8815
(564) 397-2345
elections@clark.wa.gov

Columbia County
341 E Main St, Ste 3
Dayton, WA 99328-1361
(509) 382-4541
anne.higgins@co.columbia.wa.us

Cowlitz County
207 4th Ave N, Rm 107
Kelso, WA 98626-4124
(360) 577-3005
elections@co.cowlitz.wa.us

Douglas County
PO Box 456
Waterville, WA 98858
(509) 888-6402
elections@co.douglas.wa.us

Ferry County
350 E Delaware Ave, Ste 2
Republic, WA 99166
(509) 775-5225 ext. 1139
elections@co.ferry.wa.us

Franklin County
PO Box 1451
Pasco, WA 99301
(509) 545-3538
elections@co.franklin.wa.us

Garfield County
PO Box 278
Pomeroy, WA 99347-0278
(509) 843-1411
ddeal@co.garfield.wa.us

Grant County
PO Box 37
Ephrata, WA 98823
(509) 754-2011 ext 343
elections@grantcountywa.gov

Grays Harbor County
100 Broadway Ave W, Ste 2
Montesano, WA 98563
(360) 964-1556
elections@co.grays-harbor.wa.us

Island County
PO Box 1410
Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 679-7366
elections@co.island.wa.us

Jefferson County
PO Box 563
Port Townsend, WA 98368-0563
(360) 385-9119
elections@co.jefferson.wa.us

King County
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057-2906
(206) 296-8683
elections@kingcounty.gov

Kitsap County
614 Division St, MS 31
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(360) 337-7128
auditor@co.kitsap.wa.us

Kittitas County
205 W 5th Ave, Ste 105
Ellensburg, WA 98926-2891
(509) 962-7503
elections@co.kittitas.wa.us

Klickitat County
205 S Columbus Ave, Rm 203
Goldendale, WA 98620
(509) 773-4001
voting@klickitatcounty.org

Lewis County
PO Box 29
Chehalis, WA 98532-0029
(360) 740-1164
elections@lewiscountywa.gov

Lincoln County
PO Box 28
Davenport, WA 99122-0028
(509) 725-4971
elections@co.lincoln.wa.us

Mason County
PO Box 400
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 427-9670 ext 470
elections@co.mason.wa.us

Okanogan County
PO Box 1010
Okanogan, WA 98840-1010
(509) 422-7240
elections@co.okanogan.wa.us

Pacific County
PO Box 97
South Bend, WA 98586-0097
(360) 875-9317
jkidd@co.pacific.wa.us

Pend Oreille County
PO Box 5015
Newport, WA 99156
(509) 447-6472
elections@pendoreille.org

Pierce County
2501 S 35th St, Ste C
Tacoma, WA 98409
(253) 798-VOTE (8683)
pcelections@piercecounywa.gov

San Juan County
PO Box 638
Friday Harbor, WA 98250-0638
(360) 378-3357
elections@sanjuanco.com

Skagit County
PO Box 1306
Mount Vernon, WA 98273-1306
(360) 416-1702
scelections@co.skagit.wa.us

Skamania County
PO Box 790
Stevenson, WA 98648-0790
(509) 427-3730
elections@co.skamania.wa.us

Snohomish County
3000 Rockefeller Ave, MS 505
Everett, WA 98201-4060
(425) 388-3444
elections@snoco.org

Spokane County
1033 W Gardner Ave
Spokane, WA 99260
(509) 477-2320
elections@spokanecounty.org

Stevens County
215 S Oak St, Rm 106
Colville, WA 99114-2836
(509) 684-7514
elections@co.stevens.wa.us

Thurston County
2000 Lakeridge Dr SW
Olympia, WA 98502-6090
(360) 786-5408
elections@co.thurston.wa.us

Wahkiakum County
PO Box 543
Cathlamet, WA 98612
(360) 795-3219
bergsengn@co.wahkiakum.wa.us

Walla Walla County
PO Box 2176
Walla Walla, WA 99362-0176
(509) 524-2530
elections@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Whatcom County
311 Grand Ave Ste 103
Bellingham, WA 98227
(360) 778-5102
elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

Whitman County
PO Box 191
Colfax, WA 99111
(509) 397-5284
elections@co.whitman.wa.us

Yakima County
PO Box 12570
Yakima, WA 98909-2570
(509) 574-1340
iVote@co.yakima.wa.us

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Ask your county elections office

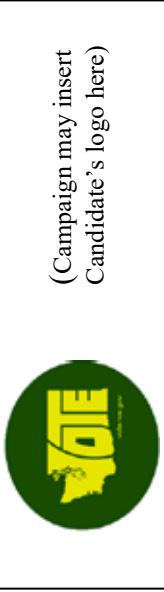
- Is online filing available to candidates running for local offices?
- Will a local primary or general election voters' pamphlet be published?
- When and where can local candidates file in person?

Washington State Filing Fee Petition

Appendix A

Submitted in support of a candidate lacking sufficient funds to pay the filing. (RCW 29A.24.091)

WARNING: EVERY PERSON who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.



(Campaign may insert
Candidate's logo here)

**We, the undersigned registered voters of _____,
hereby petition that the name of _____,
be printed on the ballot for the office of _____**

_____ ,
(either state of Washington or the political subdivision)

_____ ,
(candidate's name)

_____ ,
(insert name of office including applicable district / position number)

SIGNATURE	PRINT FIRST NAME	PRINT LAST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY
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Secretary of State
Kim Wyman

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Filing Fee Petition and Attestation | COVID-19

Candidates who lack sufficient assets or income may file the following attestation and petition due to COVID-19 impacts and Washington’s ‘stay home, stay healthy’ order. Candidates must submit a signed attestation with their [Declaration of Candidacy](#) form to the appropriate filing officer before the deadline for all candidates: May 15 at 5 p.m.

Filing fee petitions in lieu of fees during a state of emergency declared by the Governor:

RCW 29A.24.091(4) states, “A candidate who lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of filing to pay the filing fee required by this section shall submit with his or her declaration of candidacy a filing fee petition.”

Emergency WAC 434-215 states, “...the petition must take the form of an attestation by the candidate, stating that the candidate lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of filing to pay the filing fee for the office. A candidate submitting a filing fee petition in the place of a filing fee must sign the attestation, certifying under penalty of perjury that the candidate lacks sufficient assets or income at the time of filing to pay the filing fee. A candidate submitting a filing fee petition must submit the attestation when filing the declaration of candidacy. The filing officer shall verify the candidate has submitted a filing fee petition in the place of a filing fee that includes a signed attestation certifying a lack of sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee.”

Attestation:

I, *(print name)* _____ filing for the office of
(print office) _____, attest that I am a
candidate who lacks sufficient assets or income and under penalty of perjury I submit this
signature petition in lieu of a filing fee.

Filing fee petition signature:

(Candidate Signature)

(Date)