



FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILING NOTIFICATION FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN 2026

As a candidate in 2026 for any of the following elected offices, you are required by Ohio law to file a personal financial disclosure statement (FDS) for calendar year 2025 with the Ohio Ethics Commission.

- State elected offices
- County elected offices
- City elected offices
- School district board of education (district with 12,000 or more students)
- ESC governing board member (ESC with 12,000 or more students)

(Ohio law does not require candidates for township or village elected offices to file financial disclosure statements.)

Exceptions: Candidates for the Ohio General Assembly file with the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee and candidates for judicial office file with the Ohio Board of Professional Conduct.

The personal financial disclosure requirement is SEPARATE from a candidate’s requirement to file campaign finance reports. You must file a financial disclosure statement regardless of whether you have raised or spent money on your campaign. It is **your** responsibility to access, complete, and file the statement by the deadline that applies to you. Any person who files the disclosure statement after the appropriate deadline is required to pay a late fee of \$10 a day for each day the statement is late. The maximum late fee is \$250.

CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINES:

For most candidates*, the statement is due **30 days before the first election** when your name appears on the ballot. For write-in candidates, the statement is due 20 days before the first election at which your candidacy will be voted upon.

ELECTION	ELECTION DATE	CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE
Primary	Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Monday, April 6, 2026	Wednesday, April 15, 2026
General	Tuesday, November 3, 2026	Monday, October 5, 2026	Wednesday, October 14, 2026
Special		30 days before election	20 days before election

***Incumbents:** If you will also be a candidate in 2026 for the same office or any other elected office which would require you to file a calendar year 2025 financial disclosure statement **and** are certified to a ballot prior to May 15, 2026, you are required to file 30 days (20 days for write-in candidates) before the first primary, special, or general election when your name will appear on a ballot. If you are not certified to a ballot prior to May 15, 2026, you must file by May 15, 2026.

HOW TO FILE OR OBTAIN A STATEMENT TO COMPLETE:

You may file electronically at <https://disclosure.ethics.ohio.gov>. Alternatively, blank calendar year 2025 financial disclosure statements are available for download on the Commission’s website at <https://ethics.ohio.gov>.

CANDIDATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you received this notification and link to the financial disclosure statement on the Ohio Ethics Commission’s website.

Printed Candidate Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions about the financial disclosure filing requirement, please contact the Ohio Ethics Commission at (614) 466-7090.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS: Please retain the signed original of this form and provide a copy to the candidate.