



# 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

Filing for \_\_\_\_\_  
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. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 260  
Helena, MT 59620  
**Online:** [sosmt.gov/elections/filing/](https://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](https://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

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

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:

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