

DELAWARE COUNTY BUREAU OF ELECTIONS

NOMINATION PETITION GENERAL INFORMATION

PRINTING PETITION FROM BUREAU OF ELECTIONS WEB SITE?

Be certain to print the Nomination Petition as DUPLEX (two-sided, Front and Back Head-to-Head) on plain white 8 ½" X 11" (Letter Size) paper.

Please read the following guidelines carefully before circulating and submitting Nomination Petitions. Be certain to read all sections of the actual Nomination Petition prior to circulation.

First Day to Circulate Nomination Petitions: February 17, 2026

Last day to File Nomination Petitions: March 10, 2026

1. The Delaware County Bureau of Elections is the supervisor for elections of county, local level offices and party offices. Candidates seeking state office must contact the Pennsylvania Department of State. In 2026 the only Nomination Petitions filed with the Delaware County Bureau of Elections are the Democratic Party County Committee Member petitions.
2. If you printed your Nomination Petition from Bureau of Elections' website, there is a PDF of the Nomination Petition and instructions, be certain to print the Nomination Petition as DUPLEX (two-sided, Front and Back Head-to-Head) on plain white 8-½" X 11" (Letter Size) paper. This requirement (by Pennsylvania State Law) **CANNOT** be satisfied by printing each side of the duplex Nomination Petition on a separate sheet and affixing the two sheets together. **Failure to reproduce the Nomination Petition forms correctly may result in the rejection of those forms.**
3. Nomination Petition forms are available at the Bureau of Elections office at the County Government Center in Media. If you are unable to visit the Bureau of Elections or print the form on your own, consult with a printing store or office-supply store.
4. Petition pages shall be numbered consecutively beginning with number one, at the foot of each petition page. Front side of petition is page 1 and back side is page 2.
5. If more than one petition page is used per office, they shall be bound (ex. clipped or stapled) together when submitted for filing.
6. **No ditto marks are allowed.**
7. Do not include a social security number on the Nomination Petition affidavits, S/S is a legal symbol for "Sworn and Subscribed to" **not** Social Security Number. Note that Nomination Petitions and all attachments are public record.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FRONT OF THE NOMINATION PETITION

8. ❶ ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Write the name of the "Electoral District" in which the candidate is running. The electoral district is the geographical area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.

City you may print - "City of Chester 1-1 or Chester City 1-1"

Township/Borough you may print - "Aston Township 3rd ward or Aston 3"

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9. ② POLITICAL PARTY

Enter the political party ("Democratic" or "Republican") for which the voter's signing the petition are enrolled

10. ③ NAME OF CANDIDATE

Type or print the name of the candidate EXACTLY as the candidate would like it to appear on the ballot. A derivative of a name may be used, but not a nickname. For example, registered voter Anthony P. Smith may appear on the ballot as Tony Smith, but not "Skippy" Smith

11. ④ PROFESSION, BUSINESS, OR OCCUPATION

For "Profession, Business, or Occupation," write your current job title, such as "Attorney," "Clerk," "Accountant," "Business Manager," "Secretary," or "Steel Worker." Simply putting initials such as VP, CEO, COO, CFO is not sufficient. (Note: Retired is an acceptable entry in this line.)

12. ⑤ PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Enter your house number (apartment number, if applicable), street name, and ZIP code.

Be certain to list post office where mail is to be sent as well as the city, borough or township of residence. The post office may be Broomall, but township is Marple, or post office may be Bryn Mawr, but Township is Radnor

Example: John T. Doe
 123 Main Street, Broomall (Marple Twp) PA 19008

13. ⑥ TITLE OF OFFICE

For "Title of Office" include the office for which you are seeking election for example, Edgmont Township Auditor.

14. ⑦ TERM OF OFFICE

For "Term of Office" insert the duration of the term of the office for which you are seeking in number of years, for example, Colwyn Borough Council, 4-year term.

15. On side two of the Nomination Petition in the Candidates Affidavit where it asks for "Election District," the information is your registered ward/district/precinct. Example: a candidate registered in Upper Darby Twp. 1st District 5th Precinct would list Upper Darby 1-5; or a voter in Media East would list Media East. "District" does not refer to legislative or Congressional districts.

16. Pennsylvania Department of State has approved use of the Candidate Declaration (included with your Nomination Packet) in place of a Notary certification when notarized statement is not available. If you choose to notarize your nomination petitions, they must be notarized before filing with the Bureau of Elections.

18. If you wish to retain copies of your Nomination Petition for your records, make them prior to filing the petitions in the Bureau. Candidates may bring a copy of the complete nomination petition filing, and Bureau staff will date/time stamp it for your records. If you request copies of your Nomination Petitions in the Bureau, a fee of .25\$ per page will be charged. NOTE: Copies will be made within 24 hours, not instantly upon filing.

19. The last day for candidates to file petitions with the Bureau of Elections is March 10, 2026. PLEASE NOTE: We anticipate that the line of candidates waiting to file will be longest March 5 through March 10.

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20. Candidates may find the following websites helpful:

Bureau of Commissions, Elections & Legislation

www.dos.pa.gov/VotingElections

County Bureau of Elections

www.delcopa.gov/vote/candidates

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RECEIPT FOR YOUR NOMINATION PETITIONS, PLEASE **BRING THIS COMPLETED** FORM WITH YOU WHEN YOU FILE AND THE BUREAU OF ELECTIONS WILL TIME STAMP THE RECEIPT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

OFFICE FILING FOR: _____

MUNICIPALITY: _____

(Ward or District)

(Precinct or District)

NUMBER OF PAGES: _____

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Signatures must be procured within the legal period for securing same, and this Petition must be filed in the office of the County Board of Elections on or before the last day prescribed by law.
Each signer may sign petitions for only as many candidates for any office as that signer can vote for, and no more.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PETITION

To have name of Candidate Printed upon the Official Ballot for the May 19, 2026 Primary

We, the undersigned, all of whom are qualified electors of Delaware County and of

① _____, and are registered and
(ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE NOMINATION OR ELECTION IS TO BE MADE)

enrolled members of the ② _____ Party or Policy, hereby petition the Delaware County Board of Elections to have the name of ③ _____,

(TYPE, PRINT OR WRITE CANDIDATE NAME - PLAINLY AND CLEARLY - AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT)

whose Profession, Business or Occupation is ④ _____ and, whose

Place of Residence is ⑤ _____

STREET ADDRESS, (when applicable: APT/UNIT), Post Office, STATE and ZIP CODE as well as CITY/BOROUGH/TOWNSHIP

printed upon the Official Ballot of the aforesaid Party in the said District, for the Primary for the year 2026

as a candidate for the Office of ⑥ _____ for the ⑦ _____.

(TITLE OF OFFICE)

(WARD / REGION, if needed)

(TERM OF OFFICE)

SIGNERS: COMPLETE EACH BLANK ON THE LINE. DO NOT USE DITTO ("") MARKS.

SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	PLACE OF RESIDENCE			DATE OF SIGNING
		House No.	Street or Road	City/Boro/Twp.	
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STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF DELAWARE**

I state that I am a qualified elector of the Commonwealth; that I am duly registered and enrolled as a member of the political party designated in this Nomination Petition; that my residence is as set forth below; that the signers to the foregoing Nomination Petition signed the same with full knowledge of the contents thereof; that their respective residences are correctly stated therein; that each signed on the date set opposite his or her name; and that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the signers are qualified electors, duly registered and enrolled members of the political party and the political district designated in this petition, and that they are residents of the county specified below. (Underlined portion not applicable for office of Magisterial District Judge.)

Further, I state that the information set forth herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that this statement is made subject to the penalties of 18 PA. C.S. § 4904 (related to unsworn falsification to authorities).

(NOTE: Circulator executes this Statement of Circulator only AFTER gathering all petition signatures.)

(COUNTY OF PETITION SIGNERS' RESIDENCE)

(PRINTED NAME OF CIRCULATOR)

(SIGNATURE OF CIRCULATOR)

(STREET ADDRESS/POST OFFICE OF CIRCULATOR)

(CITY OR BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP)

PARTY COMMITTEE CANDIDATE'S AFFIDAVIT**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF DELAWARE**

(CANDIDATE PHONE)

(CANDIDATE EMAIL)

Before me, the undersigned in and for said State and County, personally appeared the undersigned, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say that his or her residence is as set forth below; that his or her election district is as set forth below; that the name of the office for which he or she consents to be a candidate is:

(TITLE OF OFFICE)

(TERM OF OFFICE)

that he or she is eligible for said office; that he or she will not knowingly violate any election law, or any law regulating and limiting nomination and election expenses, and prohibiting corrupt practices in connection therewith; that he or she is aware of the provisions of Section 1626 of The Pennsylvania Election Code requiring pre-election and post-election reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures; and that he or she is not a candidate for an office which he or she already holds, the term of which is not set to expire in the same year as the office subject to the affidavit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this _____ day of _____, 20_____
(DATE) (MONTH)

(SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE)

(SIGNATURE OF NOTARY)

(PRINTED NAME OF CANDIDATE)

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

(STREET ADDRESS / POST OFFICE OF CANDIDATE)

My Commission Expires _____

(CITY OR BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP)

Election District of Candidate (Ward/Dist) _____ (Precinct/District) _____

WAIVER OF EXPENSE ACCOUNT REPORTING AFFIDAVIT**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF DELAWARE**

Before me, the undersigned authority in and for said State and County, personally appeared the undersigned, who, being duly sworn according to law, did dispose and say that as a candidate, he or she does not intend to form a political committee or to receive contributions or make expenditures in excess of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250) during any reporting period, that, as a candidate, he or she will keep records of contributions and expenditures as required by law, as a candidate, he or she will file reports as required by law if contributions or expenditures exceed Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250). (Act No. 1980-127)

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this _____ day of _____, 20_____
(DATE) (MONTH)

(SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE)

(SIGNATURE OF NOTARY)

(PRINTED NAME OF CANDIDATE)

(OFFICIAL TITLE)

(STREET ADDRESS / POST OFFICE OF CANDIDATE)

My Commission Expires _____

(CITY OR BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP)

Election District of Candidate (Ward/Dist) _____ (Precinct/District) _____

Filing Fees: Each person filing any nomination petition shall pay, for each petition at the time of filing, a filing fee, in cash, or by certified check or by money order at time of petition filing. No nomination petition shall be accepted or filed, unless and until such filing fee is paid. Filing fee certified checks and money orders shall be made payable to Delaware County. Filing fees shall be transmitted by the County Board of Elections to the County Treasurer and shall become part of the General Fund.



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Bureau of Elections and Notaries
717-787-5280

**CANDIDATE DECLARATION to be attached to CANDIDATE'S AFFIDAVIT
where notarized statement is not available**

CANDIDATE DECLARATION - I declare that my residence, my election district and the title of the office for which I desire to be a candidate are as contained in the attached document, that I am eligible for said office, that I will not knowingly violate any election law or any law regulating and limiting nomination and election expenses, and prohibiting corrupt practices in connection therewith; that I am aware of the provisions of Section 1626 of the Pennsylvania Election Code requiring pre-election and post-election reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures; that unless I am a candidate for Judge of a Court of Common Pleas, the Philadelphia Municipal Court or the office of school board in a district where that office is elective or the office of magisterial district judge, my name has not been presented as a candidate by nomination petitions of any other party for the same office; that if I am a candidate for any office of a political party I am a registered and enrolled member of such party; that if I am a candidate for Committee Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the National Convention the name of the candidate to whom I am committed is as indicated on my nomination petition and that my signature on the Delegate's Statement was affixed to each page of my nomination petition prior to circulation of same; that I am not a candidate for an office which I already hold, the term of which is not set to expire on the same year as the office subject to the accompanying affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the _____ (date) day of _____ (month), _____ (year), at
_____ (county or other location, and state), _____ (country).

(printed name)

(signature)

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Delaware County Bureau of Elections
Nomination Petition Signature Counts and Filing Fees

OFFICE	NUMBER OF SIGNATURES	FILING FEE – no fee required unless indicated
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COUNTY WIDE

COUNTY COUNCIL	250	\$100.00
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	250	\$100.00
CONTROLLER	250	\$100.00
REGISTER OF WILLS	250	\$100.00
SHERIFF	250	\$100.00

CHESTER CITY [THIRD CLASS]

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	100	\$50.00
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	10	
MAYOR	100	\$25.00
CITY COUNCIL	100	\$25.00
CITY CONTROLLER	100	\$25.00
CONSTABLE	10	\$10.00
JUDGE OF ELECTION	10	
INSPECTOR OF ELECTION	5	

TOWNSHIP [FIRST CLASS]

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	100	\$50.00
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	10	
AUDITOR	10	
MAYOR	10	
TOWNSHIP CONTROLLER	10	
TOWNSHIP TREASURER	10	
TAX COLLECTOR	10	
COUNCIL-AT-LARGE	10	
COUNCIL	10	
TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER	10	
CONSTABLE	10	\$10.00
JUDGE OF ELECTION	10	
INSPECTOR OF ELECTION	5	

TOWNSHIP [SECOND CLASS]

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	100	\$50.00
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	10	
AUDITOR	10	
TAX COLLECTOR	10	
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	10	
COUNCIL-AT-LARGE	10	
COUNCIL	10	
CONSTABLE	10	\$10.00
JUDGE OF ELECTION	10	
INSPECTOR OF ELECTION	5	

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BOROUGHES

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	100	\$50.00
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	10	
AUDITOR	10	
CONTROLLER	10	
TAX COLLECTOR	10	
MAYOR	10	
COUNCIL	10	
CONSTABLE	10	\$10.00
JUDGE OF ELECTION	10	
INSPECTOR OF ELECTION	5	

PARTY OFFICES

REP COMMITTEEMAN	10	
REP COMMITTEEWOMAN	10	
DEM COMMITTEE MEMBER	10	