



# Deschutes County Candidate Election Information

## May 19, 2026 Primary Election

First Day to File, September 11, 2025

Filing Deadline, March 10, 2026

### Candidate Filing Process:

#### Non-Partisan Positions:

(See [Office & Election Requirements for County Candidates](#) reference sheet for election schedule, winning threshold, and other office requirements)

- County Assessor, 4-year term
- County Clerk, 4-year term
- County Commissioner Position 1, 4-year term
- County Commissioner Position 3, 4-year term
- County Commissioner Position 4, 2-year term
- County Commissioner Position 5, 2-year term
- County Sheriff, 4-year term
- County Treasurer, 4-year term

Filing period: September 11, 2025 to March 10, 2026.

- **Filing by Declaration:**  
**SEL 101 Candidate Filing – Major Political Party or Nonpartisan**  
**\$50 Filing fee**
- **Filing by Petition (500 Valid Signatures Required):**  
Before circulating, submit the following for County Clerk's **written approval**:  
**SEL 101 Candidate Filing – Major Political Party or Nonpartisan** (mark the "Prospective Petition" box)  
**SEL 121 Candidate Signature Sheet/Nonpartisan**
  - After signatures have been collected, candidate submits the following to the County Clerk **no later than 5 pm on the filing deadline**:
    - **SEL 121 Candidate Signature Sheet/Nonpartisan**
      - ❖ Each signature sheet must be signed and dated by the circulator
    - **SEL 338 Petition Submission Form**
  - Allow 10 days for the County Clerk's office to verify signatures.

## County Voters' Pamphlet:

If you are interested in submitting a candidate statement for the Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet, complete the **2026 Candidate's Statement Form for Voters' Pamphlet**.

## Election Laws, Rules, Directives and Restrictions:

See the Oregon Secretary of State's **Election Laws** page for election guidelines at <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/laws-rules.aspx>.

## Campaign Finance Reporting:

For campaign finance information, refer to Oregon Secretary of State's **Campaign Finance Transparency & Education** page at <https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/campaign-finance.aspx>.

Each candidate must establish a campaign account designating a candidate committee unless the candidate meets all three of the following conditions:

- The candidate serves as the candidate's own treasurer
- The candidate does not have an existing candidate committee
- and**
- The candidate does not expect to receive or spend more than \$750<sup>1</sup> during a calendar year

<sup>1</sup> *The \$750 includes personal funds spent for any campaign-related costs, such as the filing of candidacy fee. However, if at any time during a calendar year the candidate exceeds \$750 in either contributions or expenditures, the candidate must establish a campaign account and file a Statement of Organization within three business days. Additionally, all contributions received and expenditures made during the calendar year must be filed electronically not later than seven calendar days after the \$750 threshold has been exceeded.*