



Elections & Voter Registration  
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## 2026 Qualifying Period

Qualifying for political party, independent, and nonpartisan candidates will begin Monday, March 2, 2026 at 9:00AM and end on Friday, March 6, 2026 at 12:00PM.

Those who wish to qualify as a party candidate for Fayette County offices must do so with the Fayette County Democratic Party or the Fayette County Republican Party. Those who wish to qualify as candidates in the Nonpartisan General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Fayette County Board of Elections & Voter Registration located at 175 Johnson Avenue, Suite B, Fayetteville, GA 30214.

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## 2026 Nonpartisan Qualifying

### Qualifying Fees

The following qualifying fees have been set by the governing authorities of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners during the January 22, 2026 meeting:

| Fayette County Nonpartisan Contest | Qualifying Fee |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| State Court Judge                  | \$5,528.15     |

### Location & Times

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Location | 175 Johnson Ave, Ste.B<br>Fayetteville, GA 30214  |
| Website  | <a href="https://fayettecountyga.gov/departments/elections/">https://fayettecountyga.gov/departments/elections/</a> |
| Phone    | 770.305.5408  |
| Email    | <a href="mailto:electionsgroup@fayettecountyga.gov">electionsgroup@fayettecountyga.gov</a>                          |
| Hours    | Monday, March 2 at 9:00AM until Friday, March 6 at 12:00PM  |

### Qualifying Documents

- Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit
  - *(May be obtained from the Georgia Secretary of State's website at <https://sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/2023-01/Notice%20of%20Candidacy%20and%20Affidavit%20-%20County.pdf>)*
- Candidate Information to Appear on the Secretary of State's Website Form
  - *(May be obtained from the Georgia Secretary of State's website at <https://sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/2024->*

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- Valid Photo I.D.
- Payment
  - Check, Money Order, or Exact Cash
    - Payable to “*Fayette County Board of Commissioners.*”

## 2026 Partisan Qualifying

### Qualifying Fees

The following qualifying fees have been set by the governing authorities of the Fayette County Board of Commissioners during the January 22, 2026 meeting:

| Fayette County Partisan Contest | Qualifying Fee |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Board of Education District 2   | \$306.00       |
| Board of Education District 4   | \$306.00       |
| County Commission District 3    | \$687.00       |
| County Commission District 4    | \$687.00       |

### Location & Times

*Please visit the respective party's website below for any updates regarding location, times, or other information.*

|          | Fayette County Democratic Party                                    | Fayette County Republican Party  |
|----------|--|--|
| Location | 185 Kathi Ave<br>Fayetteville, GA 30214                            | 174 Glynn Street N<br>Fayetteville, GA 30214                           |
| Website  | <a href="http://www.gafaytetedems.org">www.gafaytetedems.org</a>   | <a href="http://www.myfayettegop.org">www.myfayettegop.org</a>         |
| Phone    | 678.429.0691   | 770.716.1545   |
| Email    | <a href="mailto:info@gafaytetedems.org">info@gafaytetedems.org</a> | <a href="mailto:contact@myfayettegop.org">contact@myfayettegop.org</a> |
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- Local Board of Education Affidavit (**Required for Candidates Qualifying for Board of Education District 2 and Board of Education District 4**)
  - *(May be obtained from the Georgia Secretary of State's website at <https://sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Affidavit%20for%20Local%20Board%20of%20Education.pdf>)*
- Candidate Information to Appear on the Secretary of State's Website Form
  - *(May be obtained from the Georgia Secretary of State's website at <https://sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/Candidate%20Information%20Appearing%20on%20Website%20Change%20Request%20Form.pdf>)*

## Additional Resources for Candidates

### Georgia Ethics Commission, Reporting, and Disclosures

The State Ethics Commission requires elected public officials and candidates for public office to submit annual personal financial disclosure reports. Additionally, they must submit campaign contribution reports, though reporting requirements vary based on the amount of contributions and expenses. Resources are listed below.

***REMINDER: Candidates are solely responsible for ensuring their forms are accurately completed and submitted in accordance with state laws and deadlines.***

- <https://ethics.ga.gov/candidate-information-local/>
- <https://ethics.ga.gov/forms-and-publications/>
  - COURTESY NOTICE: A Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for the preceding calendar year is due 15 days after qualifying

### Easy Campaign Access

***Candidates will continue to file the above documents with our office through December 31, 2026 which will then be transmitted to the State Ethics Commission***

New Candidates will need to register with Easy Campaign to file required Ethics Documents. Instructions are detailed below.

1. Navigate to <https://fayettecountyga.easyvotecampaignfinance.com/>
2. Click Register at the top of the page.
3. Under User Account Info, from the "Candidate or Committee you represent" drop-down menu, choose New Candidate
4. Select a Position: Filer/Self
5. Select an Office, Candidate Type: Candidate

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**6. Enter your name and other contact information and click Next at the bottom.**

Once registration is complete, our office will receive notification to approve your request.

To: The Chairman and Secretary of the County  
 Executive Committee of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County/Municipality  
 State of Georgia

**DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY AND AFFIDAVIT  
 (COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY)**

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, do depose and say: my name is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_;

my residence address is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Street Number) (Street)

(City) (County) (State) (Zip Code);

my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_;

my telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Business) (Home);

my profession, business, occupation (if any) is \_\_\_\_\_;

the name of my precinct is \_\_\_\_\_; I am an elector of the county of my

residence and eligible to vote in the primary election in which I am a candidate for nomination; the name of the office

I am seeking is \_\_\_\_\_; my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_;  
 (Circuit, District, or Post if Applicable)

I have been a legal resident of the State of Georgia for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive years; I have been a legal resident of

\_\_\_\_\_ county for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive years; I have been a legal resident of my district (if applicable)

for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive years; I have been a legal resident of my circuit (if applicable) for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive years;

I am a citizen of the United States; I am eligible to hold such office; I am a candidate for nomination in the

\_\_\_\_\_ to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_;  
 (Primary)

I have never been convicted and sentenced in any court of competent jurisdiction for fraudulent violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude or conviction of domestic violence under the laws of this State, any other State, or of the United States, or, if so convicted that my civil rights have been restored; and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of the completion of the sentence without a subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude; I am not a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school system taxes required of such officeholder or candidate if such person has been finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to owe those taxes, but such ineligibility may be removed at any time by full payment thereof, or by making payments to the tax authority pursuant to a payment plan, or under such other conditions as the General Assembly may provide by general law (pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. II, Sec. II, paragraph III); I will not knowingly violate any provisions of the Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A. § 21-2) or of the rules or regulations adopted thereunder; I will not knowingly violate the rules or regulations of the \_\_\_\_\_ party.

I understand that any false statement knowingly made by me in this Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit will subject me to criminal penalties as provided by law and I hereby request you to cause my name to be placed on the ballots to be used in such primary election as a candidate for the nomination I am seeking.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature of Candidate)

Sworn to and subscribed before this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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1.  I hereby tender check/cash in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF BANK: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that a candidate pays his or her qualifying fee with a check that is subsequently returned for insufficient funds, the superintendent shall automatically find that such candidate has not met the qualifications for holding the office being sought, unless the bank, credit union, or other financial institution returning the check certifies in writing by an officer's or director's oath that the bank, credit union, or financial institution erred in returning the check as prescribed in O.C.G.A. §21-2-6(d).

I hereby file a Pauper's Affidavit, accompanied by a qualifying petition as prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153 (a.1), in lieu of paying the qualifying fee.

**NOTE: CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES MUST FILE AN ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LISTED CODE SECTION AND MAY HAVE OTHER REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO BE QUALIFIED TO SEEK OFFICE. CANDIDATES SHOULD REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR WHICH THEY OFFER FOR ELECTION CAREFULLY.**

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT    | O.C.G.A. § 15-6-50(b)(2)  |
| JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT | O.C.G.A. § 15-9-2(a)(2)   |
| SHERIFF                    | O.C.G.A. § 15-16-1(c)(2)  |
| CORONER                    | O.C.G.A. § 45-16-1(b)(2)  |
| TAX RECEIVER               | O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2) |
| TAX COLLECTOR              | O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2) |
| TAX COMMISSIONER           | O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2) |

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TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Superintendent of Elections  
 of \_\_\_\_\_ County/Municipality  
 State of Georgia

**NOTICE OF CANDIDACY AND AFFIDAVIT  
 (COUNTY/MUNICIPALITY)**

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, do depose and say: my name is \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_;

my residence address is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Number) (Street)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (County) (State) (Zip Code)

my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_;

my telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_  
(Business) (Home)

my profession, business, or occupation (if any) is \_\_\_\_\_;

the name of my precinct is \_\_\_\_\_; I am an elector of the county/municipality of my  
 residence eligible to vote in the election in which I am a candidate; the name of the office I am seeking is

\_\_\_\_\_; my date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ as of the general election for this office,  
(Circuit, District, or Post if Applicable)

I will have been a legal resident of the State of Georgia for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive years; a legal resident of \_\_\_\_\_ county for  
 \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive years; a legal resident of my district (if applicable) for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive years; and  
 a legal resident of my circuit (if applicable) for \_\_\_\_\_ consecutive years; I am a citizen of the United States;

I am eligible to hold such office; that I am a candidate for such office in the \_\_\_\_\_ to be held on the  
 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_; (Election)

I have never been convicted and sentenced in any court of competent jurisdiction for fraudulent violation of primary or election laws, malfeasance in office, or felony involving moral turpitude or conviction of domestic violence under the laws of this State, any other State, or of the United States, or, if so convicted that my civil rights have been restored; and at least ten years have elapsed from the date of completion of the sentence without subsequent conviction of another felony involving moral turpitude; I am not a defaulter for any federal, state, county, municipal, or school system taxes required of such officeholder or candidate if such person has been finally adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to owe these taxes, but such ineligibility may be removed at any time by full payment thereof, or by making payments to the tax authority pursuant to a payment plan, or under such other conditions as the General Assembly may provide by general law (pursuant to Ga. Const. Art. II, Sec. II, paragraph III); I will not knowingly violate any provisions of the Georgia Election Code (O.C.G.A. § 21-2-2) or of the rules or regulations adopted thereunder.

I understand that any false statement knowingly made by me in this Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit will subject me to criminal penalties as provided by law and I hereby request you to cause my name to be placed on the ballots to be used in such election as a candidate for the office I am seeking.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

(Required by Ga. Election Code O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132.)

I desire that my name appear on the ballot as follows  
(the surname of the candidate shall be as it appears  
 on the candidate's voter registration card):

Should I be elected, I desire that my name appear on official  
 documents as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

(over)

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## Check only one

1.  I am running in a special election for a partisan office and my party affiliation is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am running as a nonpartisan candidate.

I am running as an independent candidate.

I am running to be the nominee of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party (Body) nominated by:

Convention;

Other (Specify method of nomination and statute and party rule governing and allowing such method of nomination):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

2.  I am required to file the above Notice followed by a nomination petition containing at least \_\_\_\_\_

valid signatures due \_\_\_\_\_.

I am not required to submit a nomination petition pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132, because I am:

Running as a nonpartisan candidate.

Running as an incumbent.

Running in a special election.

Running for a state-wide office nominated by a duly constituted political body convention.

3.  I hereby tender check/money order in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME OF BANK: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that a candidate pays his or her qualifying fee with a check that is subsequently returned for insufficient funds, the superintendent shall automatically find that such candidate has not met the qualifications for holding the office being sought, unless the bank, credit union, or other financial institution returning the check certifies in writing by an officer's or director's oath that the bank, credit union, or financial institution erred in returning the check as prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-6(d).

I hereby file a Pauper's Affidavit, accompanied by a qualifying petition as prescribed in O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132(g), in

lieu of paying the qualifying fee.

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| SHERIFF                    | O.C.G.A. § 15-16-1(c)(2)  |
| CORONER                    | O.C.G.A. § 45-16-1(b)(2)  |
| TAX RECEIVER               | O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2) |
| TAX COLLECTOR              | O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2) |
| TAX COMMISSIONER           | O.C.G.A. § 48-5-210(b)(2) |

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### AFFIDAVIT FOR LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

To be completed by candidates for a Local Board of Education. This affidavit must be filed with the officer before whom such person has qualified to seek said office prior to or at the time for qualifying. O.C.G.A. § 20-2-51.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have qualified to seek the office of member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education in Georgia, on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby affirm that I meet all of the qualifications for said office:

- (A) I am a resident of the school district in which I seek election and of the election district which I seek to represent;
- (B) I have read and understand the code of ethics and the conflict of interest provisions applicable to members of local boards of education and have agreed to abide by them;
- (C) I agree to annually disclose compliance with the State Board of Education's policy on training for members of local boards of education, the code of ethics of the local board of education, and the conflict of interest provisions applicable to members of local boards of education;
- (D) I have completed all prior annual training requirements established by the local board of education and the State Board of Education pursuant to Code Section 20-2-230 if I am eligible for reelection as a member of the local board of education;
- (E) I am not on the National Sex Offender Registry or the state sexual offender registry; and
- (F) I meet the eligibility criteria outlined in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-51(c).

Further, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-5-50(a)(3.2)(A), I acknowledge the requirement for newly elected local board of education members to receive training pursuant to Code Section 20-2-230.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate for Local Board of Education

Sworn to and subscribed before this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Notary Public

**SAMPLE**

## Candidate Information to Appear on the Secretary of State's Website

**Required information to be pulled from the Declaration or Notice of Candidacy and Affidavit. This information will be obtained from your qualifying paperwork and will not need to be supplied on this form.**

Name to Appear on the Ballot

Party Affiliation

Incumbent Status

Occupation

Qualified Date

**Optional information to be provided on this form:**

Address:

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Phone Number:

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Email:

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Website:

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### **Approval of Candidate or Agent**

I understand that the above information will be posted to the Secretary of State's website and will be accessible by the general public.

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## Office of the Secretary of State Elections Division



### HOW A CANDIDATE'S NAME SHALL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

The rules regarding how a candidate's name shall appear on the ballot are set out in Georgia State Election Board (SEB) Rule 183-1-11-.02.

The SEB rule specifies that:

1. The candidate's name on the ballot has to contain the last name as it appears on their voter registration record and at least one of the following:
  - a. The first name (or initial with period) as it appears on their voter registration record;
    - i. **EXAMPLE: JONATHAN DOE or J. DOE**
  - b. The middle name (or initial with period) as it appears on their voter registration record;
    - i. **EXAMPLE: WILLIAM DOE or W. DOE**
  - c. An abbreviated first name by which the candidate is commonly known; or
    - i. **EXAMPLE: JOHN DOE**
  - d. A nickname by which the candidate is commonly known.
    - i. **EXAMPLE: BUDDY DOE**
    - ii. **EXAMPLE: JONATHAN "BUDDY" DOE**
  
2. As mentioned above, a candidate's name on the ballot may include a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known, but cannot contain any titles referring to the business, fraternal, religious, or professional affiliation of the candidate, or political slogan or message. A title or degree includes, but is not limited to, military or professional title or rank, or references such as "Dr.", "Rev.", "Judge", "Mr.", "Ms.", "Mrs.", or "Miss."
  - i. **EXAMPLES:**
    1. **Acceptable: BUDDY DOE**
    2. **Acceptable: JOHN "BUDDY" DOE**
    3. **In violation: DR. JOHN DOE; MR. JOHN DOE**
    4. **In violation: JOHN "VOTE FOR ME" DOE**
    5. **In violation: JONATHAN DOE ESQ.**
    6. **In violation: CAPT. JONATHAN DOE**
  
3. The candidate's name cannot be longer than 25 characters including spaces and punctuation.
  - i. **EXAMPLES:**
    1. **Acceptable: JONATHAN WILLIAM DOE (20 characters)**
    2. **In violation: JONATHAN "BUDDY" WILLIAM DOE (28 characters)**
  
4. A determination as to whether the candidate's requested name on the ballot complies with all of the rules discussed above is at the discretion of the Secretary of State or election superintendent, as appropriate.
  
5. The candidate name as it appears on the voter registration record can be checked by using the Secretary of State's "My Voter Page" tool at <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

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