



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**  
MICHAEL G. ADAMS

**TO: POTENTIAL CANDIDATES**

**FROM: MICHAEL G. ADAMS, SECRETARY OF STATE**

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**Candidates for the following offices shall file with the county clerk to attain ballot access and should contact the county clerk of their county of residence for filing procedures and requirements:** Circuit Clerk, Commonwealth Attorney in single county circuits, County Judge Executive, County Clerk, County Attorney, Sheriff, Jailor, Coroner, Property Valuation Administrator, Surveyor, Magistrate/Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Constable, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Mayor, City Legislative Body, and Board of Education.

**Candidates for the following offices shall file with the Office of the Secretary of State:** President of the United States, Vice President of the United States, United States Senator, United States Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Senator, State Representative, Supreme Court Justice, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Circuit Judge, District Judge, and Commonwealth Attorney in multi-county circuits.

Following are guidelines for candidates filing with the Office of the Secretary of State:

1. Complete all applicable blanks on the filing form. The Office of the Secretary of State will make the necessary copies for distribution.
2. If the filing form requires notarization, the candidates and signers must have their signatures acknowledged by a Notary Public and the expiration date of the notary's commission must be stated.
3. Checks should be made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.
4. Candidates may file in person or by mail at the following address:

Office of the Secretary of State  
Office of Elections  
700 Capital Avenue  
Room 148, State Capitol  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**Questions relating to campaign finance procedures and requirements for state, judicial and local office should be directed to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance at (502) 573-2226.** In addition, KREF's website, <http://www.kref.ky.gov>, provides for the downloading of required reporting forms and a book titled Guide to Campaign Finance.

**Questions relating to campaign finance matters for federal candidates should be directed to the Federal Election Commission at 1-800-424-9530.**

If our Office may be of further assistance to you, please contact our election staff at (502) 564-3490 or by email at [sos.elections@ky.gov](mailto:sos.elections@ky.gov).

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# PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT INDEPENDENT and POLITICAL GROUP AND ORGANIZATION CANDIDATES GENERAL ELECTION

The Office of President/Vice President of the United States will appear on the 2024 general election ballot.

<b>Signatures Required:</b>	Each candidate's signature and the signature of 5,000 registered voters from the district or jurisdiction in which candidate seeks nomination.
<b>Earliest date to affix signatures on Nominating Petition</b>	<b>November 8, 2023</b>
<b>Earliest date to file Nominating Petition</b>	<b>November 8, 2023</b>
<b>Latest date to file Nominating Petition (4:00 p.m., local time)</b>	<b>September 6, 2024</b>

<b>Filing Form SBE 64 and SBE 64-2</b>	Nominating Petition
Filing Fee	\$500.00
Filing Official	Secretary of State

**Political Organization Definition:** "Political organization" means a political group not constituting a political party within the meaning of subsection (1) of this section but whose candidate received two percent (2%) or more of the vote of the state at the last preceding election for presidential electors. KRS 118.015 (8).

**Political Group Definition:** "Political group" means a political group not constituting a political party or a political organization, within the meaning of subsection (1) and (8) of this section. KRS 118.015 (9)

All candidates seeking the offices of President/Vice President, other than those candidates who have been nominated by a qualified party or political organization, must file a Nomination Petition (SBE 64 and SBE 64-2) with the Office of the Secretary of State. A qualified political party or political organization may nominate candidates by convention or primary held in accordance with its constitution and bylaws and file a Certificate of Nomination in lieu of a Nominating Petition.

The Nominating Petition shall be signed by the candidate for President and the candidate for Vice President and by a minimum of **5,000** registered voters from the district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination. Petitioners shall be registered voters and shall include the date the petition was signed, date of birth and residence address. Signatures **shall not be affixed** prior to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in November of the year preceding the year in which the office will appear on the ballot.

As provided on the Nominating Petition, petitioners will further place in nomination a list of presidential electors providing the name, residential address and signature of each presidential elector.

The names of candidates for President/Vice President shall be certified in lieu of certifying the names of the candidates for presidential electors.

**Please Note:** All information contained in this packet is subject to change per Kentucky Revised Statutes.



# NOMINATING PETITION

(Independent candidates or candidates of political groups/organizations filing for President/Vice President under the provisions of KRS 118.315)

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We, the undersigned petitioners, being voters of the same district or jurisdiction from which the candidates seek nomination, and being at least 5000 in number, hereby petition you, as Secretary of State, to cause to be printed on the official ballot of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, to be used at the general election to be held on November \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, the names of the following candidates of the political group/organization known as \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ or as an independent candidate for the offices hereinafter designated, the names of said persons and their respective residences being as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate for President – Please Type or Print)                      (Residential Address)                      (City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate for Vice President– Please Type or Print)                      (Residential Address)                      (City, State, Zip)

We, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)                      (Name of Candidate in full as desired on ballot – Please Type or Print)  
\_\_\_\_\_ hereby declare that we possess all the constitutional and statutory requirements of the offices for which we have filed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate for President)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Candidate for Vice President)

Petitioners further place in nomination the following named persons as candidates for Presidential Electors for the above-named candidates for President and Vice President, whose names and residential addresses are as follows:

DATE	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP

Name of Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_ (District if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioners shall include residential address, signature affixation date, and date of birth. Failure of a voter to include the signature affixation date, date of birth, and residential address shall result in the signature not being counted.

DATE	BIRTH DATE	SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	CITY & ZIP

(Additional pages may be used.)