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# Primary General Election

**The information provided below does not, and is not intended to, constitute legal advice. All information provided in this document is intended for general informational purposes only. The information provided below may not constitute the most up-to-date legal or other information available. All candidates should contact their attorney to obtain advice with respect to any particular legal matter. No reader of this information should act or refrain from acting on the basis of information in this document without first seeking legal advice from counsel experienced in election matters. Only your individual attorney can provide assurances that the information contained herein – and your interpretation of it – is applicable or appropriate to your particular situation. All liability with respect to actions taken or not taken based on the contents of this document is hereby expressly disclaimed. No representation is made that the information provided herein is error-free.**

Dear Candidate:

The Board of Elections and Elections Office makes every effort to provide for the orderly and efficient filing of nomination petitions. In that regard, listed below and attached to this letter is pertinent information regarding the circulation and filing of your petitions.

1. The **FIRST DAY** for candidates to circulate and file petitions is **FEBRUARY 17, 2026**.
2. The **LAST DAY** for candidates to circulate and file petitions is **MARCH 10, 2026**.
3. The **LAST DAY** to file objections to nomination petitions is **MARCH 17, 2026**.
4. The **LAST DAY** to withdraw after filing nomination petitions is **MARCH 25, 2026**.
5. The location for filing nomination petitions is:

Crawford County Voter Services Office  
903 Diamond Park  
Meadville, PA 16335

6. NOTE: Completed petition packages consist of: a petition or petitions with the required minimum number of signatures and a signed Statement of Circulator and a Candidate's Affidavit (notarized). If the candidate is unable to obtain a notary, the Unsworn Declaration in lieu of the Notarization can be submitted with the Candidate's Affidavit; and a copy of the Statement of Financial Interest for calendar year **2025**.
7. If you desire copies of your nomination petitions for your own records, it is suggested that you make such copies **BEFORE** you file the petitions with the Crawford County Elections Office. Once the nomination petitions are filed, they become Crawford County property and are then subject to a copying fee of \$0.25 (twenty-five cents) per copied page.

**NOTE: INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE REJECTED!**

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (814) 333-7307.

THE NOMINATION PETITIONS **MUST** BE PRINTED/COPIED AS **DUPLEX** (DOUBLE-SIDED, FRONT-TO-BACK, HEAD-TO-HEAD) ON **PLAIN WHITE** 8½" X 11" (**LETTER SIZE**) PAPER. THIS REQUIREMENT **CANNOT** BE SATISFIED BY PRINTING EACH SIDE OF THE NOMINATION PETITION ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF 8½" x 11" PAPER AND AFFIXING THE SHEETS TOGETHER WITH A STAPLE, PAPER CLIP, OR ADHESIVE.

**FAILURE TO REPRODUCE THE NOMINATION PETITION FORMS CORRECTLY WILL RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF THOSE FORMS!**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ARE UNSURE WHETHER YOU HAVE CORRECTLY REPRODUCED ANY OF THE FORMS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CRAWFORD COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE AT (814) 333-7307.

**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED FOR THE NOMINATION PETITIONS PRIOR TO CIRCULATION.**

## **Instructions for Completing the Front of the Nomination Petition**

**Numbered blank lines** at the top of each nomination petition must be completed **BEFORE** signatures are obtained; the numbered instructions correspond with the numbered blank lines:

### **① ELECTORAL COUNTY**

Write the name of the ‘Electoral County’ in which the Candidate is running.

### **② 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.

A. If you are running for a county-wide office insert “**Crawford County**”.

B. If you are running for a City/Township/Borough-wide office insert the name of the Municipality in which you are running.

**Examples:**

“City of Meadville”

“Beaver Township”

“Townville Borough”

C. If you are running for a municipal office that is elected less than municipality-wide, then also include the Ward.

**Examples:**

“Vernon Township, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward”

“Titusville City, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Crawford County”

D. If you are running for School Director insert the exact name of the School District in which you are running.”

**Example:**

“Crawford Central School District”

### **③ POLITICAL PARTY**

Enter the political party **for which the candidate is seeking nomination** (Democratic or Republican)”

### **④ NAME OF CANDIDATE**

Type or print the name of the candidate **EXACTLY** as the candidate would like it to appear on the ballot. Candidates who wish to use nicknames, other than a derivative of their legal given name, must obtain, complete and file an *Affidavit for Ballot Name Change* at the Crawford County Elections Office. (Note: The name change is based on how the candidate is known to the public, not on how he/she would like to be known.)

### **⑤ 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.)

### **⑥ PLACE OF RESIDENCE**

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

## 7 TITLE OF OFFICE

For "Title of Office" include the office for which you are seeking election.

## 8 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. **If running for an unexpired term of an office, list the balance of years remaining in that term.** Listed below are the **NORMAL** terms for offices appearing on the Primary Ballot:

COUNTY-WIDE	4 YRS	CITY-WIDE	4 YRS
SCHOOL DIRECTOR	4 YRS	BOROUGH COUNCIL	4 YRS
TAX COLLECTOR	4 YRS	TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR	6 YRS
AUDITOR	6 YRS	CONSTABLE	6 YRS
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE	6 YRS	JOE/INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS	4 YRS
<b>PARTY COMMITTEE PEOPLE</b>	<b>4 YRS</b>		

## Instructions for Circulating the Nomination Petition

### Minimum Number of Signatures and Filing Fees:

The minimum number of valid signatures required for each office on the ballot, as well as any corresponding filing fees for county-wide and city-wide municipal offices are listed below. It is good practice to **EXCEED** the minimum required number of signatures so that if any of the obtained signatures are stricken from the Petition if challenged, the number of valid signatures included in your Petition would not fall below the minimum required signatures. **Filing fees may be paid in cash, certified check or money order (made payable to Crawford County). PERSONAL CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED!** Filing fees may NOT be paid with campaign funds or checks drawn on campaign committee accounts.

<u>OFFICES</u>	<u>MINIMUM SIGNATURES</u>	<u>FILING FEE</u>
County-Wide Offices	100	\$100
City-Wide Offices	100	\$25
Magisterial District Judge	100/Party	\$50/Party
Constable	10	\$10
Township Offices	10	NONE
Borough Offices	10	NONE
School Directors (including City)	10/Party	NONE
<b>Party Committee People</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>NONE</b>
Judge of Elections	10	NONE
Inspector of Elections	5	NONE

### Requirements for Gathering Valid Signatures:

To be considered a valid signature, the signature must meet the following requirements.

1. Each signer may sign petitions for as many candidates for each office as he or she is permitted to vote for, and no more. For example, if there are five (5) seats available for your School Board, a voter is limited to signing the petitions for a **MAXIMUM** of five (5) different School Board candidates.

2. Each signer of a petition must be a registered and enrolled elector of the party referred to in the petition. In other words, **Republican electors must sign Republican Petitions** and **Democratic electors must sign Democratic Petitions**.
3. In addition to **PERSONALLY** signing and printing their names, each signer must insert the information concerning their place of residence and date of signing, listing their complete voter address. Please note that this address may or may not be the same as one's postal address and that **the Petition requires the signer to list their City, Borough or Township (not their postal city).**

**Examples:**

- a) With the Postal Address of Meadville, your Municipality may be; West Mead 2, Meadville 1-2, Vernon 3, Union Township, Etc.
- b) With the Postal Address of Titusville, your Municipality may be; Titusville 3, Hydetown Borough, Oil Creek Township, Etc.
- c) With the Postal Address of Springboro, your municipality may be; Beaver Township, Springboro Borough, or Spring Township.

The date of signing may be expressed in words or numbers; such as; March 3, 2025; Mar. 3, 2025; 6 March 2025; or 3/6/25.

4. **DO NOT ALLOW ANY SIGNER TO USE DITTO MARKS ANYWHERE ON THE PETITION.** Each signer must insert all required information in each column themselves.
5. **AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ONLY SIGN FOR THEMSELVES. NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO SIGN THE PETITION FOR ANYONE ELSE.** For example, one spouse may not sign for the other spouse; parents may not sign for children and children may not sign for parents.
6. If a mistake is made on the form, do NOT use white out or completely blacken out. Simply draw a line through the information and write the correction.

**Note:** If a petition is challenged and signatures are declared invalid by a court, a candidate may be struck from the primary ballot if the remaining number of valid signatures on the petition fall under the minimum number of required valid signatures.

### **Statement of Circulator**

For **ALL PETITIONS**, the *Statement of Circulator* found at the bottom of the back page of the Petition must be signed **by the person who circulated** the petition. In this section, the circulator will complete the information in lines 1 through 5. The *Statement of Circulator* must be completed **AFTER**, and only **after**, the necessary signatures are gathered. For the address section of the *Statement of Circulator* please note that it asks for **the circulator's City, Borough or Township (not their postal city)**.

**Examples:**

- a) With the Postal Address of Meadville, your Municipality may be; West Mead 2, Meadville 1-2, Vernon 3, Union Township, Etc.
- b) With the Postal Address of Titusville, your Municipality may be; Titusville 3, Hydetown Borough, Oil Creek Township, Etc.
- c) With the Postal Address of Springboro, your municipality may be; Beaver Township, Springboro Borough, or Spring Township.

All circulators must be registered voters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and enrolled members of the party for which they are circulating. (NOTE: The underlined portion does not apply to circulators for the office of Magisterial District Judge.)

## **Instructions for Completing the Additional Required Documents**

### **Candidate's Affidavit and Unsworn Declaration in lieu of the Notarization**

Each candidate, along with the petitions with the required minimum number of signatures, must submit one *Candidate Affidavit*. (**NOTE:** If the office the candidate is seeking allows the candidate to cross-file with both the Democratic and Republican parties, (ex. School Director) and the candidate chooses to cross-file with both the Democratic and Republican parties, a Candidate Affidavit must be filed with **EACH** set of nomination petitions: one with the Democratic petitions and one with the Republican petitions. Each form must be the original, we do **NOT** accept copies)

The Candidate affidavit must be signed by the candidate in front of a Notary Public, who will notarize the affidavit. The candidate will complete the information in the right column and the **Notary Public** will complete the information in the left column. For "Title and Term of Office" insert the exact title of the office for which you are running and the term of that office, as listed in numbers 7 and 8 of preamble of the nomination petition.

If the candidate is unable to obtain a notary, the Unsworn Declaration in lieu of the Notarization can be submitted **with** the Candidate's Affidavit.

### **Filing the Nomination Petition**

**Sheet Numbers:** Fill in the sheet numbers in the bottom right corner on side 1, and the top right corner on side 2. Number consecutively.

**Copies:** If you desire **copies** of your nomination petitions, please make them **BEFORE** you file with this office. **Once filed, they become the property of Crawford County and are subject to a copying fee, which is \$0.25 (cents) per page.**

**Where to File Completed Petition Packages:** To submit completed petitions and all other necessary materials that must be filed:

**Mail or Hand Deliver to:**  
Crawford County Voter Services Office  
903 Diamond Park  
Meadville, PA 16335

**All Petitions MUST BE RECEIVED in this office NO LATER THAN 4:30p.m., March 10, 2026.  
POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR TIMELY FILING.**

**NOTE: INCOMPLETE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE REJECTED.**  
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Crawford County  
Elections Office (814) 333-7307.

# **Casting of Lots for Ballot Position**

In cases where multiple candidates file Nomination Petitions for the same office on the same party primary ballot, a drawing will be held to determine ballot position on the May 19, 2026 Primary ballot.

The drawing will take place **beginning at 12 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, March 18, 2026** in the Assembly Room of the Crawford County Courthouse, 903 Diamond Park, Meadville, PA 16335.

Candidates, their representatives, and other interested parties may attend the drawing; however, a candidate-authorized representative must present written authorization from the candidate in order to draw on the candidate's behalf. If neither the candidate nor the proxy appear for the drawing, then a member or appointed member of the Board of Elections will draw.

Signatures must be procured within the legal time period for securing same.

This Petition must be filed in the office of the Crawford County Board of Elections on or before the last day prescribed by law.

EACH SIGNER MAY SIGN PETITIONS FOR AS MANY CANDIDATES FOR EACH OFFICE AS HE OR SHE CAN VOTE FOR, AND NO MORE.

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PETITION

## To have Name of Candidate printed upon the Official Ballot for the Primary Election

\_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Received

We, the undersigned,

all of whom are qualified electors of ① \_\_\_\_\_ County and ② \_\_\_\_\_  
(ELECTORAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE NOMINATION IS TO BE MADE)

and are registered and enrolled members of the ③ \_\_\_\_\_ Party or Policy, hereby petition the County Board of

Elections of Crawford County to have the name of ④ \_\_\_\_\_,  
(TYPE, PRINT, OR WRITE PLAINLY THE NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT)

whose Profession, Business or Occupation is ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ and whose

Place of Residence is ⑥ \_\_\_\_\_,  
(WITH STREET, NUMBER [WHERE POSSIBLE], AND ZIP CODE)

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

candidate for the Office of ⑦ \_\_\_\_\_ ⑧ \_\_\_\_\_.  
(TITLE OF OFFICE) (TERM OF OFFICE)

### SIGNERS ARE CAUTIONED TO AVOID THE USE OF DITTO MARKS

SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	ADDRESS WHERE REGISTERED AND ENROLLED			DATE OF SIGNING
		House No.	Street or Road	City, Borough or Township	
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SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR	PRINTED NAME OF ELECTOR	ADDRESS WHERE REGISTERED AND ENROLLED			DATE OF SIGNING
		House No.	Street or Road	City, Borough or Township	
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**STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR**

**(Circulator should complete 1-5 below)**

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 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; that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the signers are qualified electors, duly registered and enrolled members of the political party and of the political district designated in this petition, and that they are residents in the County specified in number one below. (Underlined portion not applicable to Circulator for the 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 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
County of Petition-Signers' Residence
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Circulator
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Circulator Date
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street Address of Circulator
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
City, Borough or Township ZIP

**THIS STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR MUST BE EXECUTED AFTER ALL SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN OBTAINED**

# Crawford County Board of Elections

## CANDIDATE'S AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

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 and Term of Office)*

and 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 provisions of Section 1626 of the Pennsylvania Election Code requiring pre-election and post-election reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures**; that he or she is not a candidate for any 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 this affidavit; that he or she is not a candidate for nomination for the same office of any political party other than the one designated in this affidavit unless he or she is a candidate for the office of School Director in a district where that office is elective or the office of Magisterial District Judge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address/Post Office/Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/Borough/Township

\_\_\_\_\_  
County

\_\_\_\_\_  
Election District of Candidate  
*(Municipality, Ward and/or Precinct where YOU vote)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

Sworn (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Notary Public)

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

**CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
UNSWORN DECLARATION IN LIEU OF CANDIDATE'S AFFIDAVIT**

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

**Note: Per Act 2020-15 of 2020, if the Commonwealth requires use of a sworn declaration, an unsworn declaration can be used in its place. If you are unable to have the Candidate's Affidavit notarized, you may complete and sign this unsworn statement to submit with your petition materials.**

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location (City/Borough/Township, County,  
State, Country)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address/Post Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Election District of Candidate  
(District Where Registered to Vote)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office/District

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address