

How to file nomination petitions

Beginning February 15, 2019, Petitions will be available on the Crawford County-Elections website www.crawfordcountypa.net or you may pick them up in our office

- *The Election Bureau DOES not mail petitions.
- *Complete the top section of each petition before circulating
- *Collect signatures ONLY between Feb 19, 2019 to March 12, 2019

Who can sign your petition?

Every signer must be:

- *Registered voter
- *Resident of the candidate's political district
- *Same political party as the candidate (or the same as the petition if cross-filing)

Each signer may sign as many petitions as the number of candidates he/she can vote for at the succeeding election for the office.

Example: If 4 Republicans are running for 2 Borough Council seats, a registered Republican voter can sign 2 petitions.

Tips for petitions

- *Avoid nicknames.
- *Do not allow signers to use ditto marks – get a complete address for EACH signer.
- *CAUTION: When completing the address section of the petition, the signer must list the township or borough he resides in – not where he receives mail.

Cross-filing

Who can cross-file?

*Magisterial District Judges and School Directors

How do I cross-file?

*Circulate and file two separate petitions - one for each political party.

Can I circulate both petitions?

*Magisterial District

Judges: YES

*School Directors: NO, only the petition for your political party. Someone from the other party must collect signatures on the other party's petition.

Independents and 3rd party candidates

*Cannot run in the primary

*File nomination papers instead of petition (forms available after March 20, 2019)

*Signatures valid from March 20 – August 1

*# of signatures needed 2% of the largest entire vote count in the last municipal election for any officer in that election district

Check with the county elections office

*All other requirements apply

Statement Of Financial Interest – what is it?

*Administered by the State Ethics Commission

*Used to disclose any potential conflicts of interest

*Filed annually by all candidates, elected officials and appointed officials

*Statements of Financial Interest are public information

*Personal financial information is usually not required

How to file a Statement of Financial Interest

- *File the form where you are seeking office (i.e. township office, borough hall, school administration office, etc.) on or before the last day for filing a petition.
- *A copy of the form must also be appended to the nomination petition, or your name will not be put on the ballot.
- *Be sure to complete all blocks and sign the form.
- *Questions regarding the Financial statement please refer to the State Ethics Commission **1-800-932-0936**

Campaign Finance Reporting

Are you required to file?

*If you intend to raise funds or have a political committee to raise funds

*And you plan to raise over \$250 in a reporting period
4 reporting periods for candidates/committees

*May, June, October and December

*Penalties for
overdue reports

*Range from \$20 for first day to maximum \$250

Filing a waiver from reporting

*You may
file a
waiver if

*You do not intend to form a political committee

*You do not plan to receive contributions over \$250 during a reporting period

*You do not plan to spend over \$250 during a reporting period

Complete the "Waiver of Expense Account Reporting Affidavit" on the petition and have it notarized