



WCRP Notice to 2026 Republican Candidates

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Republican candidate for office. We look forward to Republicans winning every open seat this year!

Any individual seeking an elective office as a Republican candidate in the Republican Primary is now required to submit their candidate registration to the Tennessee Republican Party and to the Washington County Republican Party. This must be accomplished prior to the applicable filing date.

In addition, the Tennessee Republican Party has instituted a Candidate Registration Fee. An individual seeking any of the following elective offices as a Republican candidate will be **required to submit** to the **Tennessee Republican Party both a copy of their completed nominating petition** and the **applicable filing fee** prior to the filing deadline for the office being sought.

- Governor – \$5,000
- US Senate – \$5,000
- US Congress – \$2,500
- Tennessee State Senate – \$1,000
- Tennessee State Representative – \$500
- District Attorney and Public Defender – \$500
- State Executive Committee – \$100
- Presidential Delegate to the Republican National Convention – \$100
- Countywide Elected Offices – \$250
- County Commission – \$50
- School Board – \$50
- Constable – \$50

TRP will accept fees for any particular office during the period starting one (1) year prior to the applicable filing deadline and ending on the filing deadline for the office being sought. An individual may submit his filing fee within a 48-hour grace period after the applicable filing deadline provided that they pay the full fee plus an additional 25% late penalty.

Fees payable at www.tngop.org
(615-269-4260)

CANDIDATE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED and FEES PAID or CANDIDATES WILL BE PURGED FROM THE BALLOT by the TNGOP

School Board Candidates Please Note:

The Tennessee State Legislature has passed legislation and Governor Lee has concurred that School Board positions may now be partisan elections. The Washington

County GOP Executive Committee has voted to primary School Board positions. The positions are subject to the provisions above.

INSTRUCTIONS TO REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES:

1. Registration/Applications to the state Republican Party may be filed at www.tngop.org. Fees are payable at www.tngop.org.

2. Candidate registration notification to Washington County Republican Party WCRP may be accomplished by contacting us via email or text:

Chair Danielle Goodrich, wcgoptn@gmail.com, (978)335-5037

Text is the preferred initial contact.

3. All candidates who desire to compete in a primary contest as a Republican must be deemed a "bona fide Republican" per TNGOP bylaws as follows:

A. In addition to requirements imposed by applicable law, any individual seeking election as a Republican candidate for public office must be a "bona fide Republican." The burden of proving to the TRP that an individual meets its membership requirements is on the prospective candidate.

1. For purposes of this Article, a "bona fide Republican" is defined as an individual who a) is actively involved in the Tennessee Republican Party, the county Republican Party of the county in which the individual resides, or a TRP-recognized auxiliary organization, b) is registered to vote in the above-noted county; and c) who has voted in at least three (3) of the four (4) most recent statewide Republican primary elections in which he is eligible to vote.

2. For purposes of this Article, "actively involved" includes, without limitation, attending TRP meetings or events; regularly attending Republican county party meetings or events; being a member of a recognized auxiliary organization for at least one year; working on the campaign of a Republican candidate for office in the most recent previous election cycle; contribution of money to the TRP, a county party, any recognized auxiliary organization, or to a Republican candidate committee with confirmation by the candidate or candidate's campaign official; provided, however, that such activity or actions must have occurred during the time period elapsing since the most recent reorganization of the county Republican party in the county in which the individual resides.

3. The TRP will maintain a list of recognized auxiliary organizations, updated biennially. The SEC Political Subcommittee will determine the organizations to be included on the TRP recognized auxiliaries list in each odd year prior to December 15", and the TRP will make a copy of its list available by January 15th

of each even year. A CEC that desires to have any local auxiliary organizations considered by the TRP Political Subcommittee for inclusion on the TRP's recognized auxiliaries list must submit its request and list no later than: 1) September 30 in years immediately following a Presidential election and/or 2) July 31 in years immediately following a Gubernatorial election.

B. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Article IX, Section 1A, an individual who has voted in any of the most recent four (4) statewide primary elections held by a party other than the applicable Republican Party will be ineligible to seek the Republican nomination for any public office in Tennessee.

C. Beginning on September 7th, 2023, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Article IX, Section 1A, an individual who has brought legal action against the TRP or any county Republican Party will be ineligible to seek the Republican nomination for any public office in Tennessee within ten (10) years of the final resolution of such legal action unless the individual is successful, as determined by the applicable judge or jury, on all claims made against the named defendant(s) in such action.

D. An individual seeking any of the following elective offices as a Republican candidate will be required to submit to the TRP both a copy of his completed nominating petition and the applicable filing fee prior to the filing deadline for the office being sought.

The TRP, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any individual from running as a Republican candidate if it determines the individual does not meet the standards or requirements set forth in this Article IX. In addition, individual Republican voters may challenge an individual's bona fide Republican status for purposes of seeking public office as detailed in Article IX, Section 2

We would like to invite you to our candidate forum on March 28th at the Carnegie Hotel from 10am to 12pm. More information to follow and all event information can be found on the website. <https://washingtoncountyrepublicanparty.org/>

Good luck to all!

Any questions please email or text:

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