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Guide to 2025 Affidavit of Candidacy Updates



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Front of State & Judicial Affidavit of Candidacy, top section

Notable changes

1. Filing officer must complete this box for every filing

- Each filing location tracks the sequential number of filings in that location and records the candidate's fee amount based on the office for which they are filing.
- The filing officer should take payment and circle the payment option used: cash, card, petition, or check (providing the check number in space provided).
- The filing officer checks off all applicable to verify:
 1. If a judicial candidate, a copy of their license is attached.
 2. A campaign finance board packet was provided for the candidate's district.
 3. The filing officer viewed candidate's ID or proof of residence.
 4. The filing officer reviewed the entire affidavit for completeness.

2. Candidate name notes


- "as [the name] will appear on the ballot"
- "clearly write or type in mixed upper- and lower-case"
- "include punctuation and accents"
- "no professional titles"

3. Contact information

- Phone number and non-government email address.
- Checkbox for not having an email, with important note: "If you check both this box and the private box below, you must provide an address in *Campaign Contact*."

4. Residence address section reformatted

- Private side clarified and includes new check box for completing *Address of Residence Form*, which is required for this section.
- Residential street address side labeled "not private" with directions: "Must provide if boxes to the left [in private section] are not checked."

STATE & JUDICIAL		1 FILING OFFICER MUST COMPLETE
 <h2>Affidavit of Candidacy</h2> <p>Information on this affidavit is public unless noted as private. See the reverse side for more filing information.</p>		Filing # _____ Fee Amount \$ _____ Circle payment method: Cash Card Petition Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Judicial candidate: attached copy of license <input type="checkbox"/> Campaign Finance Board packet provided <input type="checkbox"/> Viewed ID or proof of residence <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed affidavit for completeness
2	Candidate Information Candidate name as it will appear on the ballot _____ <small>Clearly write or type in mixed upper- and lower-case Include punctuation and accents No professional titles</small> Candidate name pronunciation sounds like _____ <small>If left blank, the accessible ballot marking device's default pronunciation of your name will be used</small> Office sought _____ If Governor, filing jointly with _____ District / Seat number if applicable _____ Political party or principle _____	
3	Contact Information Email non-government _____ Phone number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you do not have email <small>If you check both this box and the private box below, you must provide an address in <i>Campaign Contact</i></small>	
4	Residence Address Not required for judicial candidates <div> <div> REMAIN PRIVATE Both boxes must be checked <input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I meet at least one of the following requirements for my residence address to be classified as private data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a police report has been submitted, • an order for protection has been issued, • I have a reasonable fear for my or my family's safety, or • my address is otherwise private by Minnesota law <input type="checkbox"/> have completed the <i>Address of Residence Form</i> on the reverse </div> <div> OR NOT PRIVATE Must provide if boxes to the left are not checked Residence street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____ </div> </div>	

Front of State & Judicial Affidavit of Candidacy, bottom section

Notable changes

1. Campaign contact section notes

- Campaign street address is optional unless the “private box” is checked and no email address is provided.

In other words, if a candidate provides an email address and checks the “private box,” the candidate street address is optional.

2. Affirmation & signature section

- Updated to include requirements for the specific jurisdiction (state and judicial).
- Candidate pronunciation certification added: certifying that the candidate either provided a pronunciation, if chosen, or they allow the voting system to generate the default pronunciation for the assistive voting device’s audio.

3. Signature and notary stamp reformatted

- No content changes, reformatted.
- Additional space provided for notary stamp.

1	Campaign Contact
<p>Campaign address Optional unless private box is checked and no email is provided _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>Campaign website Optional _____ can be updated with filing officer any time</p>	
2	Affirmation & Signature I swear (or affirm):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is my true name or the name by which I am generally known in the community. • I am eligible to vote in Minnesota. • I have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming primary or general election (unless authorized by Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 9). • If a major political party candidate, I either participated in the party's most recent precinct caucuses or intend to vote for a majority of that party's candidates at the next general election. • I have provided valid identification or documentation of proof of residence authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 1b that matches the residence address information provided on this affidavit or on a separate form, if address is classified as private data. • I have provided my phonetic name pronunciation above, or I certify that I am directing the official responsible for programming materials for the election to use the applicable technology's default pronunciation of my name. • If filing for Governor or Lieutenant Governor: I will be at least 25 years old on the first Monday of the next January and a resident of Minnesota for not less than one year on election day. • If filing for State Senator or State Representative: I am, or will be on assuming office, 21 years of age or more; and I will have maintained residence in Minnesota not less than one year, and in this district for six months, on the day of the general or special election. • If filing for Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge, or District Court Judge: I am learned in the law and licensed to practice law in Minnesota. A copy of my license is attached. I will not turn 70 years of age before the first Monday of next January. • I meet any other qualifications for this office prescribed by law. 	
3	<p>Candidate signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Signature of notary public or other officer empowered to take and certify acknowledgement _____</p> <p>Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">Notary stamp</div>

Back of State & Judicial Affidavit of Candidacy, top section

Notable changes

Affidavit reminders

- Specific to jurisdiction (state & judicial offices), offices filing within that jurisdiction (e.g., Governor, Judge), and filing locations (OSS or county office where the candidate maintains residence).
- Directing candidates for non-major political parties to petition information on mnvotes.gov.
- Contact and residence information language updated, including guiding individuals to the *Address of Residence Form* if they have checked the “private box” on the front of the affidavit.
- Other reminder information updated.
- New short link created for candidate filing information:
mnvotes.gov/candidates

State & Judicial Affidavit of Candidacy Reminders

Candidate Filing Location

- Candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, Secretary of State, State Senator, State Representative, and any Judicial office may file with the Secretary of State, or the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.
- Candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor file as a team with the same filing officer. If they both reside in the same county, they may file as a team either with the county auditor or with the Secretary of State. If the candidates reside in different counties, they must file with the Secretary of State.

Political Party

Candidates for partisan office that are not affiliated with a major political party must file a valid petition along with their affidavit of candidacy (Minn. Stat. 204B.03). See mnvotes.gov for list of current major parties and petition requirements.

Contact and Residence Information

- If candidates check the box to **classify their residence address as private data**, they must also complete the Address of Residence form below and provide a campaign contact email or mailing address on their affidavit.
- Residence address must be where candidate maintains residence and cannot be a PO Box.
- Candidates may contact their filing officer after filing to update the campaign information.
- When filing, candidates must provide ID or other documentation (authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06) that matches the residence address.

Timeframe for Filing & Fees

- Completed affidavits and fees must be submitted during the designated filing period, with the noted exception: candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may submit the affidavit early (Minn. Stat. 204B.09 subd. 1a).
- Affidavits may be mailed in or dropped off by others but they must be notarized, include a copy of identification or other documentation authorized in Minn Stat. 204B.06 subd. 1 that matches the residence address on the affidavit, and have all required information completed.


Fees and additional candidate filing information can be found at mnvotes.gov/candidates.

Back of State & Judicial Affidavit of Candidacy, Address of Residence Form

Notable changes

Placement on the back of affidavit forms

- Once a separate form, the *Address of Residence Form* is now on the back of affidavit forms for ease of use when filing.
- Important privacy note: The back side of the affidavit of candidacy is considered private. Filing officers have no reason to copy nor share the back of the form; it is meant for candidates requesting their information remain private for safety reasons, so we have placed a large reminder for filing officers, and to notify any candidate or member of the public, that the information provided on the *Address of Residence Form* is not public.

PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY	PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY	PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY	PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY	PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY
<h3>Address of Residence Form</h3> <p>This form must be completed when a candidate has checked the Private Data box, certifying that their address of residence for the purposes of candidate filing should be classified as private data. The address of residence is used by the filing officer to determine whether the address of residence listed by the candidate is located in the area represented by the office sought, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.06, subd. 1b (b). This information will be available to the filing officer and other elections officials with whom that filing officer consults to determine whether the address of residence is located in the area represented by the office sought.</p>				
<h3>Candidate name and address of residence</h3> <p>Candidate name _____</p> <p>Office sought _____ District/seat (if applicable) _____</p> <p>Residence address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p>				
<h3>Candidate Statement</h3> <p>Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 204B.06, subd. 1b (c), I certify that a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, or I have a reasonable fear for my or my family's safety; or my address is otherwise private by Minnesota law.</p> <p>Signature of candidate _____ Date _____</p>				
<h3>Filing officer verification of residence</h3> <p>Offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, and State Representative must satisfy the residency requirement by the close of the filing period; this must be completed by the filing officer within one business day of receiving the filing.</p> <p>I have determined the address on this form is within the area represented by the office the candidate is seeking.</p> <p>Signature of filing officer _____ Date _____</p>				
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<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State</p> </div>				

Front of County & Special District Affidavit of Candidacy, top section

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- The filing officer checks off all applicable to verify:
 1. If an attorney or sheriff candidate, a copy of their license is attached.
 2. The filing officer viewed candidate's ID or proof of residence.
 3. The filing officer reviewed the entire affidavit for completeness.

2. Candidate name notes


- "as [the name] will appear on the ballot"
- "clearly write or type in mixed upper- and lower-case"
- "include punctuation and accents"
- "no professional titles"

3. Contact information

- Phone number and non-government email address
- Checkbox for not having an email, with important note: "If you check both this box and the private box below, you must provide an address in *Campaign Contact*."

4. Residence address section reformatted

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COUNTY & SPECIAL DISTRICT		1	FILING OFFICER MUST COMPLETE
 <h2>Affidavit of Candidacy</h2> <p>Information on this affidavit is public unless noted as private. See the reverse side for more filing information.</p>		Filing # _____ Fee Amount \$ _____ Circle payment method: Cash Card Petition Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney/sheriff candidate: attached copy of license <input type="checkbox"/> Viewed ID or proof of residence <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed affidavit for completeness	
2	Candidate Information Candidate name as it will appear on the ballot _____ <small>Clearly write or type in mixed upper- and lower-case Include punctuation and accents No professional titles</small> Candidate name pronunciation sounds like _____ <small>If left blank, the accessible ballot marking device's default pronunciation of your name will be used</small> Office sought _____ District /Seat number if applicable _____		
3	Contact Information Email non-government _____ Phone number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you do not have email <small>If you check both this box and the private box below, you must provide an address in <i>Campaign Contact</i></small>		
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Notable changes

1. Campaign contact section notes

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- Campaign website is optional and the website address can be updated with the filing officer any time (we request this in writing through email).

2. Affirmation & signature section

- Updated to include requirements for the specific jurisdiction (county).
- Candidate pronunciation certification added: certifying that the candidate either provided a pronunciation, if chosen, or they allow the voting system to generate the default pronunciation for the assistive voting device’s audio.

3. Signature and notary stamp

- No content changes, just reformatted.
- Additional space provided for notary stamp.

1	Campaign Contact
<p>Campaign address Optional unless private box is checked and no email is provided _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>Campaign website Optional _____ can be updated with filing officer any time</p>	
2	Affirmation & Signature I swear (or affirm):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is my true name or the name by which I am generally known in the community. • I am eligible to vote in Minnesota. • I have not filed for the same or any other office at the upcoming primary or general election (unless authorized by Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 9). • I am, or will be on assuming office, 21 years of age or more. • I will have maintained residence in this district for at least 30 days before the general election. • I have provided valid identification or documentation of proof of residence authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 1b that matches the residence address information provided on this affidavit or on a separate form, if address is classified as private data. • I have provided my phonetic name pronunciation above or I certify that I am directing the official responsible for programming materials for the election to use the applicable technology’s default pronunciation of my name. • If filing for County Attorney: I am learned in the law and licensed to practice law in Minnesota. A copy of my Minnesota attorney license is attached. • If filing for County Sheriff: I am a licensed peace officer in Minnesota. A copy of my Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training is attached. • I meet any other qualifications for this office prescribed by law. 	
<p>Candidate signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Signature of notary public or other officer empowered to take and certify acknowledgement _____</p> <p>Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____</p>	
Notary stamp	

Back of County & Special District Affidavit of Candidacy, top section

Notable changes

Affidavit reminders

- Specific to jurisdiction (county & special district offices), offices filing within that jurisdiction (e.g., Commissioner, Auditor), and filing locations (county or district offices).
- Contact and residence information language updated, including guiding individuals to the *Address of Residence Form* if they have checked the “private box” on the front of the affidavit.
- Other reminder information updated.
- New short link created for candidate filing information:
mnvotes.gov/candidates

County & Special District Affidavit of Candidacy Reminders

Candidate Filing Location

- Candidates for County Commissioner, County Auditor, County Treasurer, County Recorder, County Sheriff, County Attorney, Soil and Water Supervisor, and other elected county offices must file with the county auditor.
- Candidates for special districts such as hospital or park districts should contact the district’s office for information on the filing location.

Contact and Residence Information

- County attorney, and county sheriff candidates: address information is optional. All candidates must include phone number and a non-government issued email address (unless they do not have an email).
- If candidates check the “My residence address is to be classified as private data” box, they must also complete the Address of Residence form below and provide a campaign contact email or mailing address on their affidavit.
- Residence address must be where candidate maintains residence and cannot be a PO Box.
- Candidates may contact their filing officer after filing to update the campaign information.
- When filing, candidates must provide ID or other documentation (authorized in Minn. Stat. 204B.06, subd. 1b) that matches the residence address.

Timeframe for Filing & Fees

- Affidavits and fees must be submitted during the designated filing period, with the noted exception: candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period, may submit the affidavit early (Minn. Stat. 204B.09 subd. 1a).
- Affidavits may be mailed in or dropped off by others, but must:
 1. be notarized,
 2. include a copy of identification or other documentation authorized in Minn Stat. 204B.06 subd. 1 that matches the residence address on the affidavit,
 3. have all other required information completed, and
 4. have payment for filing fee included.


Filing fees and additional candidate filing information can be found at mnvotes.gov/candidates.

Back of all County, City, Town, School District and Special District Affidavits of Candidacy Address of Residence Form

Notable changes

Placement on the back of affidavit forms

- Once a separate form, the *Address of Residence Form* is now on the back of affidavit forms for ease of use when filing.
- Important privacy note: The back side of the affidavit of candidacy is considered private. Filing officers have no reason to copy nor share the back of the form; it is meant for candidates requesting their information remain private for safety reasons, so we have placed a large reminder for filing officers, and to notify any candidate or member of the public, that the information provided on the *Address of Residence Form* is not public.

Address of Residence Form				
<p>This form must be completed when a candidate has checked the Private Data box, certifying that their address of residence for the purposes of candidate filing should be classified as private data. The address of residence is used by the filing officer to determine whether the address of residence listed by the candidate is located in the area represented by the office sought, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.06, subd. 1b (b). This information will be available to the filing officer and other elections officials with whom that filing officer consults to determine whether the address of residence is located in the area represented by the office sought.</p>				
Candidate and address of residence				
Candidate Name _____				
Office sought _____			District/seat (if applicable) _____	
Residence Address _____				
City _____		State _____	Zip code _____	
Statement				
<p>Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 204B.06, subd. 1b (c), I certify that a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, or I have a reasonable fear for my or my family's safety; or my address is otherwise private by Minnesota law.</p>				
Signature of candidate _____			Date _____	
<div> <div>PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY</div> <div>PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY</div> <div>PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY</div> <div>PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY</div> <div>PRIVATE: DO NOT COPY</div> </div> <div>  <div>Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State</div> </div>				

Front of City, Town, School District & Special District Affidavit of Candidacy, top section

Notable changes

- Filing officer must complete this box for every filing**
 - Each filing location tracks the sequential number of filings in that location and records the candidate's fee amount based on the office for which they are filing.
 - The filing officer should take payment and circle the payment option used: cash, card, petition, or check (providing the check number in space provided).
 - The filing officer checks off both to verify:
 - The filing officer viewed candidate's ID or proof of residence.
 - The filing officer reviewed the entire affidavit for completeness.

2. Candidate name notes


- “as [the name] will appear on the ballot”
- “clearly write or type in mixed upper- and lower-case”
- “include punctuation and accents”
- “no professional titles”

3. Contact information

- Phone number and non-government email address
- Checkbox for not having an email, with important note: “If you check both this box and the private box below, you must provide an address in *Campaign Contact*.”

4. Residence address section reformatted

- “Private box” information clarified and includes new check box for completing *Address of Residence Form*, which is required for this section.
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CITY, TOWN, SCHOOL DISTRICT, & SPECIAL DISTRICT		1	FILING OFFICER MUST COMPLETE
 <h2>Affidavit of Candidacy</h2> <p>Information on this affidavit is public data unless noted as private. See the reverse side for more filing information.</p>		Filing # _____ Fee Amount \$ _____ Circle payment method: Cash Card Petition Check # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Viewed ID or proof of residence <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed affidavit for completeness	
		2 Candidate Information Candidate name as it will appear on the ballot _____ <small>Clearly write or type in mixed upper- and lower-case Include punctuation and accents No professional titles</small> Candidate name pronunciation sounds like _____ <small>If left blank, the accessible ballot marking device's default pronunciation of your name will be used</small> Office sought _____ District /Seat number if applicable _____	
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4 Residence Address <div> <div> REMAIN PRIVATE Both boxes must be checked </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> I certify that I meet at least one of the following requirements for my residence address to be classified as private data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, I have a reasonable fear for my or my family's safety, or my address is otherwise private by Minnesota law </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> I have completed the <i>Address of Residence Form</i> on the reverse </div> </div>		OR NOT PRIVATE Must provide if boxes to the left are not checked Residence street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____	

Front of City, Town, School District & Special District Affidavit of Candidacy, bottom section

Notable changes

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- Campaign website is optional and the website address can be updated with the filing officer any time (we request this in writing through email).

2. Affirmation & signature section

- Updated to include requirements for the specific jurisdictions (i.e., excludes requirements specific to state, county, etc.)
- Candidate pronunciation certification added: certifying that the candidate either provided a pronunciation, if chosen, or they allow the voting system to generate the default pronunciation for the assistive voting device’s audio.

3. Signature and notary stamp

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<p>Campaign address Optional unless private box is checked and no email is provided _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>Campaign website Optional _____ can be updated with filing officer any time</p>	
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<p>Candidate signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Signature of notary public or other officer empowered to take and certify acknowledgement _____</p> <p>Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20 _____</p>	
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City, Town, School District, and Special District Affidavit of Candidacy Reminders

Candidate Filing Location

- Candidates for Mayor, Council Member, and other elected city offices must file with the city clerk.
- Candidates for Town Clerk, Town Supervisor, Town Treasurer, and other elected township offices must file with the town clerk.
- Candidates for School Board Member must file with the school district clerk.
- Candidates for special districts such as hospital or park districts should contact the district's office for information on the filing process.

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 3. have all other required information completed, and
 4. have payment for filing fee included. Completed affidavits and filing fees must be received by the filing officer within the filing period.

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Candidate and address of residence

Candidate Name _____
Office sought _____ District/seat (if applicable) _____
Residence Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Statement

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 204B.06, subd. 1b (c), I certify that a police report has been submitted, an order for protection has been issued, or I have a reasonable fear for my or my family's safety; or my address is otherwise private by Minnesota law.

Signature of candidate _____ Date _____

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ID or Proof of Residence Requirement Options

When filing for office, a candidate must show an ID or approved document (see image to right for examples) with the same address as provided on the affidavit.

Relevant statutes

M.S. 204B.06 | AFFIDAVITS OF CANDIDACY

When filing the affidavit, the candidate must present the filing officer with the candidate's valid driver's license or state identification card that contains the candidate's current address of residence, or documentation of proof of residence authorized for election day registration in section 201.061, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (2); clause (3); or paragraph (d) (see statute below).

If an original bill is shown, the due date on the bill must be within 30 days before or after the beginning of the filing period or, for bills without a due date, dated within 30 days before the beginning of the filing period. If the address on the affidavit and the documentation do not match, the filing officer must not accept the affidavit. The form for the affidavit of candidacy must allow the candidate to request, if eligible, that the candidate's address of residence be classified as private data, and to provide the certification required under paragraph (c) for classification of that address.

M.S. 201.061 | REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Subd. 3, para. (a), clause (2): presenting any document approved by the secretary of state as proper identification

Subd. 3, para. (a), clause (3): presenting a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct together with a picture identification card

Subd. 3, para. (d): For tribal band members, an individual may prove residence for purposes of registering or updating a registration by: (1) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the name, address, signature, and picture of the individual; or (2) presenting an identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the name, signature, and picture of the individual and also presenting one of the documents listed in Minnesota Rules, part 8200.5100, subpart 2, item B.

Choose one of the following options to show proof of residence when you file for office

Valid photo ID with current name and address

MN driver's license, learner's permit, ID card, or tribal ID
with name, address, signature, and photo

OR

Photo ID and an approved document

Photo ID

can be expired

- Driver's license, state ID, or learner's permit issued by any state
- U.S. Passport, U.S. Military or Veteran ID
- Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
- Minnesota university, college, or technical college ID
- Minnesota high school ID

And one approved document *with current name and address*

- Bill, account, or start of service statement due/dated within 30 days of the beginning of the candidate filing period:
 - phone, TV or internet;
 - solid waste, sewer, electric, gas, or water;
 - banking or credit card;
 - rent or mortgage
- Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement





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