

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
Write-in Candidate's Certificate of Announcement for 2026 Elections

(1) **Date of Election:** (Check One)

☐ Primary—May 12, 2026

☐ General—November 3, 2026

☐ Unexpired Term

(2) **Name of office sought:** _____

Within District: _____ Within Division: _____

(3) **Candidate's Legal Name:** _____
(First, Middle and Last)

(4) **Candidate's name used on the Official List of Candidates:** _____

(5) **I am a Current Resident and Legally Qualified, Registered Voter of Voter of the County of:** _____

Magisterial District, if applicable: _____

(6) **Current residence address:** _____
(Specific address where candidate resides at time of filing.
Do not give a P.O. Box.)

(7) **Mailing Address:** _____
(If different from residence)

Daytime Phone

Email Address

Campaign Phone

Campaign Website

Campaign Committee Name

I swear and affirm under the penalty of perjury that I am a candidate for this office in good faith. I am eligible and qualified to hold this office and the information provided on this form is true.

Candidate's Signature (Must be notarized)

Date

(Notary Public use only)

State of _____, County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____

day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Notary Public or official authorized to give oaths



Instructions for a Write-in Candidate's Certificate of Announcement

Any eligible person who seeks to be elected by write-in votes to an office shall file a write-in candidate's certificate of announcement, under oath, with the proper filing officer and within the required time. (W. Va. Code §3-6-4a)

- (1) Date of the election in which the candidate is seeking office.
- (2) The name of the office sought with the District and Division, if applicable.
- (3) The legal name of the candidate. (First, Middle and Last)
- (4) The name by which the candidate may be identified on the Official List of Write-in Candidates to be posted at the polling place.
- (5) The county of residence and a statement that the candidate is a legally qualified voter of the county. Include Magisterial District, if applicable.
- (6) The specific address designating the location at which the candidate resides at the time of filing, including number and street or rural route and box number and city, state and zip code.
- (7) Mailing address, if different than residence address.

****IMPORTANT REMINDER****

**YOU ARE SWEARING TO THE TRUTH OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED AND YOUR SIGNATURE
MUST BE NOTARIZED**

The Certificate of Announcement must be received in the filing office by close of business on the 49th day prior to the election (Postmark is not accepted):

- The filing deadline for the **Primary** Election is March 24, 2026. (Only applicable for Judicial candidates, Board of Education, Conservation District Supervisor, Greater Huntington Park and Recreation Political Party Executive Committees)
- The filing deadline for the **General** Election is September 15, 2026.

Write-in candidates do not pay a filing fee. Write-in Candidates are not printed on the ballot, instead the list of Official Write-In Candidates is posted at the polling place.

File your personal financial disclosure form with the West Virginia Ethics Commission.

You can obtain the Financial Disclosure form by contacting the Ethics Commission at 304-558-0664. It can also be found on their website www.ethics.wv.gov. This disclosure statement is due to the Ethics Commission within 10 days after you file your Write-in Candidate's Certificate of Announcement.