




Maureen "Mo" Baird
Supervisor of Elections

2024 HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE

To become a candidate for political office:

- ✓ You must **first** file with the Supervisor of Elections office a Form DS-DE 9, which provides for an *Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository*. This must be filed before opening a campaign account.
- ✓ **Within 10 days** after filing Form DS-DE 9, each candidate must file a *Statement of Candidate* Form DS-DE 84, indicating you have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- ✓ If you choose to qualify by the petition method for County office, you must obtain signatures of 1% of the total number of registered voters at the last general election. For local candidates in Citrus County the number of **petitions needed is 1,222**. This number is based on the book closing number for the last General Election. (2022 General Election - 122,182) The cost is .10 cents per petition. A **campaign check made payable to Maureen 'Mo' Baird**, Supervisor of Elections **for \$122.20** must be written before petitions can be validated.
- ✓ If you choose to qualify by paying a qualifying fee, instead of by petition method, a campaign check must be written during the qualifying week for the total amount of the fee, **made payable to Maureen 'Mo' Baird, Supervisor of Elections**.
 - Major party candidates will be 6% of the annual salary of the office sought.
 - Nonpartisan offices and candidates with no party affiliation will be 4% of the annual salary of the office sought.
 - Minor party candidates will be 4% of the annual salary of the office sought, unless the minor party chooses to assess a party fee, in which case it will be 6% of the annual salary.
- ✓ Candidates for Mosquito Control Board, Citrus County Community Charitable Foundation and Homosassa Special Water District, will either pay a qualifying fee of \$25.00 or obtain 25 valid petition signatures.
- ✓ Complete appropriate Financial Disclosure, Form 6 or Form 1 (Special Districts). Forms must be completed online at www.disclosure.floridaethics.gov and a printed copy provided at the time of qualifying to the Supervisor of Elections.
- ✓ Sign appropriate notarized Loyalty Oath/Oath of Candidate form.
- ✓ Complete Candidate Qualifying Checklist.
- ✓ File periodical campaign treasurer's reports as outlined in Chapter 106.07, Florida Statutes.
- ✓ Meet specific legal requirements regarding campaign advertising and campaign financing.

All documents must be filed with the Qualifying Officer at the Supervisor of Elections office located at 1500 N Meadowcrest Blvd, Crystal River, 34429.

Contact the Qualifying Officer at 352-564-7110 or 352-564-7116, should you need additional information. All completed forms are public record.