

# Qualifying Fees for 2026

<b>PARTISAN OFFICES</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>QUALIFYING FEE 6%</b>
County Commissioner Districts 2 and 4	\$108,356.00	\$6,501.36

<b>NON-PARTISAN OFFICES</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>QUALIFYING FEE 1%</b>
Kissimmee City Commissioner Seats 2 and 4	\$34,056.40	\$340.56
St. Cloud City Council Member Seats 4 and 5	\$18,515.00	\$185.15

<b>SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>QUALIFYING FEE 4%</b>
School Board Member Districts 1, 3, 4, and 5	\$49,500.00	\$1,980.00

<b>COUNTY JUDICIAL</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>QUALIFYING FEE 4%</b>
County Judge – Groups 1, 3, and 4	\$189,755.00	\$7,590.20

<b>SPECIAL DISTRICTS</b>	<b>SALARY</b>	<b>QUALIFYING FEE</b>
Community Development Districts & Common Facility Districts	N/A	\$25.00

Candidates without Party Affiliation should calculate their qualifying fee at 4% of salary.

\*\* All fees are based on the annual salary of the office sought as of July 1, 2025. Salary and Qualifying Fees are subject to change before qualifying.

*Election Law (s. 11 of Chapter 2021-11, Laws of Florida) requires a person seeking nomination as a candidate of a political party to be a member of that political party for the 365 days BEFORE the beginning of the applicable qualifying period. Additionally, the law requires a person seeking to qualify for office as a candidate with no party affiliation to not be a member of any political party for 365 days BEFORE the beginning of the applicable qualifying period. Therefore, the last day for a person to make the change before the applicable 2026 qualifying period was April 20, 2025, for the first qualifying period, and June 8, 2025, for the second qualifying period.*

# Petition Requirements for 2026

Deadline for submission – Noon, May 11, 2026

*(Dates are subject to change)*

<b>Petition Requirements for County Judges</b>	
County Judge	2,345 <i>(Deadline for petition submission – Noon, March 23, 2026)</i>

<b>Petition Requirements for County Commission Candidates</b>	
District 2	404
District 4	415

<b>Petition Requirements for School Board Candidates</b>	
District 1	430
District 4	415
District 3	481
District 5	616

<b>Petition Requirements for City of Kissimmee Commissioner</b>	
Seats 2 and 4	No Petitions Required

<b>Petition Requirements for City of Saint Cloud Council Member</b>	
Seats 4 and 5	25 Petitions Required from City of St. Cloud Voters <i>(Deadline for petition submission is during the week of qualifying)</i>

<b>Petition Requirements for Special District Candidates</b>	
Community Development Districts & Common Facility Districts	25

Note: Candidates that intend to qualify by the petition process must file form DS-DE 9 APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER & DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES with the filing officer before collecting any signatures. If you collect any signatures prior to filling your DS-DE 9 those petitions will be invalid.

\*\*There is a fee of 10 cents per petition to be paid to the Supervisor of Elections for the cost of verifying the signature. The fee must be paid at the time the petitions are submitted. Candidates may elect to prepay their petition fee in full or a portion upfront or pay as petitions are submitted.