



2024 Candidate FAQ

Note: For more information, please review the **2024 Candidate Manual**. You can access the manual on our website here: [2024 Utah Candidate Manual](#)

Signature Packet Questions

1. Where do I get my signature packets?

- a. If you are a **Partisan candidate**, the packets were sent to the email address you provided on your filing form. If you have not received your packet template yet, please contact the office you filed in to request them.
 - i. [County Clerk Contact Information – Utah Voter Information](#)
 - ii. Lieutenant Governor’s Office: elections@utah.gov or **801-538-1041**
- b. If you are an **Unaffiliated candidate**, the packets are found [here](#) on our website

2. What is the blue box on the front of the packet?

- a. The blue box is the space in which candidates can add a photo of themselves (optional).

3. Can I print the packets front and back?

- a. Yes, you can print the packets front and back.

4. How many pages can be in a packet?

- a. There is no limit, but once a packet is bound it may not be taken apart ([20A-9-502](#) & [20A-9-405](#)).

5. How do the packets need to be bound?

- a. We recommend using three staples across the top of the packet; or optionally, you may use spiral binding. Either way, packets must be bound. They may not be loose nor in a 3-ring binder.

6. Where do I submit the packets?

Race	Affiliated Candidate	Unaffiliated Candidate
Statewide Race (Presidential, US Senate/Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, AG, Auditor, Treasurer)	Davis County Clerk’s Office	County where the majority of signatures were collected
Multi-county legislative race	Davis County Clerk’s Office	County where the majority of signatures were collected
Single-county legislative races	Office of the County Clerk in the district you are running	Office of the County Clerk in the district you are running
State School Board	Davis County Clerk’s Office	County where the majority of signatures were collected
County races	Office of the County Clerk in the county you are running	Office of the County Clerk in the county you are running

Davis County Clerk's Office address: [61 S Main St, Farmington, UT 84025](#)

When you arrive, you will be asked to fill out a form indicating the number of packets you are submitting and the estimated number of signatures in each packet. **Please determine these numbers before arriving.** Per state statute ([20A-9-502\(5\)](#) & [20A-9-408\(8\)](#)), packets cannot be accepted unless the minimum required number of signatures is being submitted; candidates can then supplement their initial submission with additional signatures.

Other county addresses can be found here: [County Clerk Contact Information – Utah Voter Information](#)

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7. When are signatures due?

Partisan Candidates	Unaffiliated Candidates
Two weeks before the party's convention. Contact your party for their convention dates.	Signatures must be submitted AND verified before March 5, 2024. As signatures must be verified before a candidate can file, our office recommends submitting the signatures well in advance of the deadline.

8. Can I submit my signature packets before I have the required minimum amount?

- a. No, candidates must submit the minimum required number of signatures at the time of their initial submission ([20A-9-502\(5\)](#) & [20A-9-408\(8\)](#)). Supplemental signatures may be turned in at any time before the deadline following the initial submission. The signatures are verified in the order they are received. Therefore, if a voter signs two packets for candidates in the same race, that voter's signature will count toward the candidate that submits the signature first.

9. What if I want to change my signature gathering method?

- a. As explained during candidate filing, there are two methods of gathering signatures, manual or electronic. If you have already started to collect signatures, you cannot change your signature gathering method. If you haven't started gathering signatures, you may switch from one method to the other. Please notify the office you declared candidacy/filed with if you decide to change your signature gathering method.

10. Can I call the office who is checking my signatures for any updates? What kind of information can they provide me with?

- a. You can visit our website to view signature gathering updates for your campaign and others: [2024 Signature Gathering Candidates – Utah Voter Information](#)
- b. County candidates will need to contact their county clerk's office for updates. County clerk contact information can be found [here](#).

11. What happens if I don't reach the correct number of signatures?

- a. If you don't reach the minimum number of verified signatures you will not qualify for the ballot by the signature gathering path. If you selected both paths at the time of filing - the convention AND the signature path - you have the option to attempt to qualify at your party's convention.

12. What are the signature requirements for each office?

- a. Listed below are the signature gathering requirements for offices up for election in 2024. Remember: a candidate must have selected "intent to gather signatures" with the election officer to receive the signature gathering packet. In order for a signature to be valid, the person must be a registered Utah voter at the time that their signature is reviewed by the county clerk's office.

Race	Signature Requirement
U.S. Senate	28,000 Signatures Statewide
U.S. House of Representatives	7,000 signatures from within the district
Utah State Senate	2,000 signatures from within the district
Utah State House	1,000 signatures from within the district
State Board of Education	The lesser of 2,000 signatures or 3% of active registered voters of a qualified political party within the state board of education district
County Office	Signatures of 3% of the registered who are residents of the area permitted to vote for the county office and are permitted by the qualified political party to vote for the qualified political party's candidates in a primary election

13. When I am out gathering signatures, how can I advise voters to register to vote or update their voter registration?

- a. The best way to advise voters on how to register or update their registration is to visit vote.utah.gov. You may also provide them with a paper registration form.
Important Note: If you collect paper registration forms, make sure you give them to the county clerk when you are turning in signature packets. Always remember to handle voter registration forms with care as they contain voter's personal information.

Other Questions

14. What is the deadline for write-in candidates to declare candidacy?

- a. The deadline for write-in candidates to file for office is September 3rd, 2024 by 5 p.m.

15. In what order will the names be listed on the ballot?

- a. The master ballot order for 2024-2025 can be found at vote.utah.gov.

The link above provides the ballot order and an explanation of how that is determined.