

## Before You File Your Petition, Please Check The Following:

1. Completely fill in the front, top portion of your petition in ink, or type the information **before** circulating. If using more than one part petition, fill all pages out at the same time so the information is the same. (making copies is permitted.)
2. Sign and date the front of your petition **before** you get any signatures.
3. For the purposes of **signing or circulating a petition of candidacy for party nomination or election**, an elector is considered to be a member of a political party if he voted in the party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years, or if he did not vote in any other party's primary election within the preceding two calendar years. Nomination petitions (for independent candidates) may be signed by any qualified elector living in the district in which the election will be held.
4. Ask all signers to write legibly. If you cannot read a signature, please print the name in question above or beside it, as the Board of Elections must verify every signature and address on file. The date must include day/month/year.
5. A complete street or road address is needed to show residence. We cannot accept a Post Office Box.
6. We strongly urge you to get more signatures than required. There is always a possibility a signer may not be registered, may have moved or changed their name. The information you turn in must match the information in our system.
7. Once you collect enough signatures, make sure to complete the back side of the petition, filling in the circulator's statement. **Please note**, the person who circulated the petition **MUST** fill in the circulator's statement on **EACH** part petition. This is one of the most important things to remember. The number of signatures witnessed on **EACH** part petition must be filled in. **If the number is not filled in - the statement is not complete** - and the petition will be ruled invalid by the Board.
8. Do not let someone sign for another person. For instance, a husband may not sign for his wife, etc. **If this happens, it will invalidate the whole part petition.**
9. Petition pages may contain signatures of only one county. If your office overlaps into another county, please use a separate petition sheet.
10. **Candidates** cannot sign their own petitions.
11. **Circulators** cannot sign the petition they have circulated. (They can sign one circulated by someone else.)
12. Petitions do not need to be notarized.

***It is STRONGLY SUGGESTED that all potential candidates read and review the current Ohio Candidate Requirement Guide!***

***It is very important that you check your petition carefully before filing with the Board of Elections.***

If the Board of Elections can be of any help - please feel free to call or stop by the office.

Hours - 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Monday thru Friday - Phone 330-287-5480

Visit our webpage at [www.votewayne.org](http://www.votewayne.org) for information and helpful links

OR

The Ohio Secretary of State webpage directly at

[www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us)

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Candidate Requirements, Campaign Finance, and Elections Information.

