



Unaffiliated Candidate Filing Guide

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Please Note: This information packet was created to assist Unaffiliated Candidates for local, Grand County offices for the 2026 election. It does not replace the Utah State Code and was not designed for partisan candidates or those filing for state or federal office. Please visit vote.utah.gov for the 2026 official candidate manual.

What seats are available?

Grand County Commission (3 seats total): Districts 4 & 5; 1 At-Large Seat
 County Clerk/Auditor: At-Large
 County Sheriff: At-Large
 County Attorney: At-Large

Steps:

- 1) Determine your signature requirements – Signatures from 5% of the registered voters in the district are required to file for candidacy.

Office	Signatures Required for Unaffiliated Candidates
Grand County Commissioner – At-Large	295
Grand County Commissioner – District 4	61
Grand County Commissioner – District 5	69
County Attorney	295
County Clerk/Auditor	295

- 2) Signers must reside and be registered to vote in the district of the office you are seeking. Signers may not sign a petition for another candidate running for the same office.
- 3) Gather Signatures: Petition forms are located at the end of this document.
- 4) Submit petition signatures to the Grand County Clerk/Auditor’s office for verification. Signature verifications must be complete before the period ends. Be sure to turn in your packet early! You can continue to gather signatures after you turn in a packet. You will be notified by the Clerk/Auditor’s office when the signature requirement has been met.
- 5) Once you have been notified by the County Clerk/Auditor’s Office that you have received enough qualifying signatures, you can file your Declaration of Candidacy at the Grand County Clerk/Auditor’s office with the appropriate fee.

Filing fees for Grand County offices:

Office	Filing fee
Grand County Commissioner	\$250.52
County Attorney	\$989.81

County Clerk/Auditor	\$607.43
County Sheriff	\$777.06

What to bring when you declare your candidacy:

- Valid Photo ID
- Payment for the filing fee. Fees paid by card will be subject to a 2.5% processing fee (minimum \$1.50)
- If you would like your name on the ballot to be anything other than your legal first and last name, bring the competed Name Affidavit Form from the packet. THIS AFFIDAVIT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE.

Filing Period

The Declaration of Candidacy filing period for candidates not affiliated with a political party begins Friday, January 2, 2026 at 8:00am and ends at 5:00pm, Monday, June 15, 2026. LATE DECLARATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Helpful Links

- Grand County's official 2026 Notice of Election can be found [here](#).
- 2026 Official Candidate Guide from the Lieutenant Governor's Office, once completed, can be found at vote.utah.gov.

Please contact the Grand County Clerk/Auditor's Office with questions.

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2026 DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY NAME AFFIDAVIT

Information entered on this form is a **public record** under Utah Code § 63G-2-301 and will be made available to the public.

(i) Not all candidates are required to submit this affidavit per Utah Code § 20A-6-109.

FULL LEGAL FIRST NAME

LEGAL LAST NAME

PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

FIRST, MIDDLE, and/or NICKNAME(S) in desired order

LEGAL LAST NAME

I, the candidate listed above, state under penalty of perjury

- If requesting that my full legal middle name or a common derivative thereof appear on the ballot in place of my first name, I am generally known by acquaintances in my county of residence by the legal middle name or the common derivative thereof specified in this request instead of my legal first name.
- If requesting that my nickname appear on the ballot, I am generally known by acquaintances in my county of residence by the nickname specified in this request and that I am not using the nickname to gain an advantage on the ballot.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

DATE

SUPPORTING AFFIDAVITS MUST BE SIGNED BY RESIDENTS OF A CANDIDATE'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE

We, the below signed individuals, state under penalty of perjury that the candidate listed above is generally known by acquaintances in the county in which that candidate resides by the name listed on this affidavit form for appearance on the ballot and, if requesting their full legal middle name or a common derivative thereof appear on the ballot in place of their first name, that the candidate is known by this name instead of their legal first name.

PRINTED NAME

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CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

State of Utah, County of _____

I, _____, declare my intention of becoming an unaffiliated candidate for the political group designated as _____ for the office of _____. I do solemnly swear that I can qualify to hold that office both legally and constitutionally if selected, and that I reside at _____ Street, in the city of _____, county of _____, state of _____, zip code _____, phone _____, and that I am providing, or have provided, the required number of holographic signatures of registered voters required by law; that as a candidate at the next election I will not knowingly violate any election or campaign law; that, if filing via a designated agent for an office other than president of the United States, I will be out of the state of Utah during the entire candidate filing period; I will file all campaign financial disclosure reports as required by law; and I understand that failure to do so will result in my disqualification as a candidate for this office and removal of my name from the ballot.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ (month\day\year).

Notary Public (or other officer qualified to administer oaths)

CIRCULATOR VERIFICATION

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PETITION CIRCULATOR ONLY)

Proposed Candidate:

Office:

State of Utah

County of _____}ss,

I, _____, of _____ hereby state that:
(Print Petition Circulator's Name) (Petition Circulator's Address)

- I am at least 18 years old;
- All the names that appear on the signature sheets bound to this page were signed by persons who professed to be the persons whose names appear on the signature sheets, and
- Each of them signed the person's name on the signature sheets in my presence;
- I believe that each has printed and signed the person's name and written the person's street address correctly, and
- That each signer is registered to vote in Utah or will register to vote in Utah before the county clerk certifies the signatures on the signature sheet.

I have completed the online signature gathering training. The training materials can be accessed via the QR code to the right.



Petition Circulator's Signature _____ Date _____

Petition Circulator's Phone Number _____

This petition packet contains _____ verifiable signatures.

Warning: Each signature in this packet will be verified by the county clerk. Forgery is a crime and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.