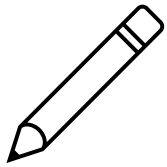
CAMPAIGN FINANCE CHECKLIST FOR 2027 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES



Candidates should determine if they are required to make financial disclosure reports.

For Milwaukee City offices, the filing officer is the Milwaukee City Board of Election Commissioners. For all other municipal offices the filing officer is the municipal clerk. For school district offices, the filing officer is the school district clerk. Candidates should contact their filing officer for further information or to obtain any of the necessary forms.

If NOT claiming the exemption from reporting requirements:

- ☐ Obtain a copy of the ***Campaign Finance Overview – Local Candidates*** (Revised 2023) Manual from your filing officer and carefully review it with your treasurer.

- ☐ Complete and submit a ***January Continuing Campaign Finance Report*** **(Form CF-2L)** to the filing officer no later than **January 15, 2027,** if registered before January 1, 2027. This report covers activity from July 1, 2026, or the date of registration (whichever is later), through December 31, 2026.

- ☐ Complete and submit a ***Pre-Primary Campaign Finance Report*** **(Form CF-2L)** to the filing officer no later than **February 8, 2027,** if a primary is held. This report covers activity from January 1, 2027, through February 1, 2027.

- ☐ Complete and submit a ***Pre-Election Campaign Finance Report*** **(Form CF-2L)** to the filing officer, no later than **March 29, 2027.** This report covers activity from February 2, 2027, through March 22, 2027, if a primary is held, **or** January 1, 2027, through March 22, 2027, if no primary is held.

- ☐ Complete and submit a ***July Continuing Campaign Finance Report*** **(Form CF-2L)** to the filing officer, no later than **July 15, 2027.** This report covers activity from March 23, 2027, through June 30, 2027.

Note: Candidates are required to continue filing Campaign Finance Reports, regardless of the results of the Primary or Election. *WIS. STATS. §11.0207. An individual that has won the election and holds office is defined as a candidate, and therefore must remain registered and cannot terminate while in office. WIS. STATS. §§11.0202(1)(a), 11.0101(1)(b).*

To terminate, Candidates must file a termination request (CF-13) and a report (CF-2L).

To obtain any of the necessary forms, please visit the Wisconsin Ethics Commission's website.

For further information on Campaign Finance reporting requirements, please contact the Wisconsin Ethics Commission via email at campaignfinance@wisconsin.gov or by phone at 608-266-8123.