

# CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS AND FILING FEES

## Offices filed with the Secretary of State

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Fee*
President (4-year term)	Must be at least 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, been 14 years a resident within the United States.	U.S. Const. Art. II, § 1	Primary \$1,000.00 General \$500.00
Vice President (4-year term)	Must be at least 35 years of age, a natural born citizen, been 14 years a resident within the United States.	U.S. Const. Art. II, § 1	
United States Senator (Staggered 6-year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, a U.S. citizen for 9 years, and, when elected, an inhabitant of the State for which he is chosen.	U.S. Const. Art. I, § 3	\$500.00
United States Representative (2-year term)	Must be at least 25 years of age, a U.S. citizen for 7 years, and, when elected, an inhabitant of the State for which he is chosen.	U. S. Const. Art. I, § 2	\$500.00
Governor (4-year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, and have been a citizen and resident of Kentucky for at least 6 years next preceding his election.	Ky. Const. § 72	\$500.00
Lieutenant Governor (4-year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age, and have been a citizen and resident of Kentucky for at least 6 years next preceding his election.	Ky. Const. § 72	
Attorney General (4-year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election, and shall have been a practicing lawyer 8 years before his election.	Ky. Const. §§ 91, 92	\$500.00
Secretary of State (4-year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	\$500.00
Auditor of Public Accounts (4-year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	\$500.00
State Treasurer (4-year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	\$500.00
Commissioner of Agriculture (4-year term)	Must be at least 30 years of age at the time of his election, and shall have been a resident citizen of the State at least 2 years next before his election.	Ky. Const. § 91	\$500.00

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State Senator (Staggered 4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, resided in the State 6 years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the district for which he may be chosen.	Ky. Const. § 32	\$200.00
State Representative (2-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, resided in the State 2 years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the county, town or city, which he may be chosen.	Ky. Const. § 32	\$200.00
Supreme Court Justice (Staggered 8-year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office, licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	\$200.00
Judge of the Court of Appeals (8-year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office, licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	\$200.00
Circuit Judge (8-year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office, licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 8 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	\$200.00
District Judge (4-year term)	Must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of both the Commonwealth and of the district from which he is elected for 2 years next preceding his taking office, licensed to practice law in the courts of the Commonwealth, and a licensed attorney for at least 2 years.	Ky. Const. § 122	\$200.00
Commonwealth's Attorney (6-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, resided in the State 2 years and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate, and have been a licensed practicing lawyer for 4 years.	Ky. Const. § 100	\$200.00

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## Offices filed with County Clerk

Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Fee*
Circuit Court Clerk (6-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate, and that he is qualified for the office for which he is a candidate.  Additional Requirement: must receive a passing grade of 70% or more on a written examination prepared and administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts.	Ky. Const. § 100 SCR 1.060	\$50.00
County Judge/ Executive (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	\$50.00
County Clerk (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 21 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	\$50.00
County Attorney (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county in which he is a candidate, and have been a licensed practicing lawyer for 2 years.	Ky. Const. § 100	\$50.00
Sheriff (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	\$50.00
Jailer (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.  The General Assembly has consolidated the offices of sheriff and jailer in counties containing a city of the first class and in urban county governments.	Ky. Const. § 100 KRS 71.110	\$50.00
Coroner (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. § 100	\$50.00

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Office	Qualifications	Authority	Filing Fee*
Property Valuation Administrator (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.  Additional requirement: must possess a certificate issued by the Revenue Cabinet showing that he has been examined by it and that he is qualified for the office.	Ky. Const. § 100 KRS 132.380	\$50.00
Surveyor (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.  Additional requirement: at the time of filing must provide county clerk with evidence that he or she holds a Kentucky license as a professional land surveyor.	Ky. Const. § 100 KRS 73.020	\$50.00
Magistrate/Justice of the Peace (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate.	Ky. Const. §§ 100, 234	\$50.00
County Commissioner (4-year term)	Must be at least 24 years of age, has been for 2 years next preceding his election, a resident of the county and a citizen of Kentucky, must have been a bona fide resident of the district he proposes to represent for at least 1 year immediately preceding his election.	KRS 67.060	\$50.00
Constable (4-year term)	At the time of election, must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky, has resided in the State 2 years, and 1 year next preceding his election in the county and district in which he is a candidate. (Shall possess the same qualifications as Sheriffs.)	Ky. Const. §§ 100, 101	\$50.00
Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors (Staggered 4-year term)	Shall be a resident of the county or district in which he serves as a supervisor, and upon moving from the county or district, the supervisor shall be ineligible to serve as a supervisor and his office shall be vacant.	KRS 262.240(4)	\$20.00
Mayor** (Staggered 4-year term)	Must be at least 21 years of age, a resident of the city for not less than 1 year prior to his or her election, a qualified voter in the city, and shall reside in the city throughout his term of office.	KRS 83A.040(1)	\$50.00

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Legislative Body** (2-year term)	Must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of the city for not less than 1 year prior to his or her election, a qualified voter in the city, and shall reside in the city throughout his term of office.	KRS 83A.040(4)	\$50.00
Board of Education (School Board) Member (Staggered 4-year term)	Must be at least 24 years of age, a citizen of Kentucky for at least 3 years preceding the election, a voter of the district for which he is elected, completed at least the 12th grade or has been issued a GED certificate or has received a high school diploma in the external diploma program, and files an affidavit certifying completion of the 12 <sup>th</sup> grade or the equivalent with his nominating petition AND files a transcript evidencing completion of the 12 <sup>th</sup> grade or results of a 12 <sup>th</sup> grade equivalency examination. The candidate must not hold any elective federal, state, county, or city office; or at the time of election is directly or indirectly interested in the sale to the board of services, supplies, or equipment purchased with school funds, nor has been removed from a board of education for cause, nor has a relative employed by the school district.	KRS 160.180(2)	\$20.00
Write-In Candidates (Allowed only in General elections)	See qualifications for desired office.	KRS 117.265 KRS 118.255	\$50.00

\* Citation for filing fees: KRS 118.255

\*\* Legislative Council of Jefferson County Metro Government and Jefferson County Metro Government Mayor filing qualifications are governed by KRS 67C.103 and 67C.105.

Article 4 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County charter governs Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Mayor and Council filing qualifications.