

# 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
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 and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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, 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 have been a licensed practicing lawyer for 4 years.	Ky. Const. § 100	\$200.00

## 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
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)	5th or 6th class city \$20.00 All others \$50.00
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)	5th or 6th class city \$20.00 All others \$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 12th grade or the equivalent with his nominating petition. The candidate must not hold a state office requiring the constitutional oath or be a member of the General Assembly, nor may he hold or discharge the duties of any civil or political office, deputyship, or agency under the city or county of his residence, nor 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	\$20.00 for 5th or 6th class city candidates All others \$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.