

RUNNING FOR OFFICE 2026

INDEPENDENT PETITION

IMPORTANT DATES

- First Day to Collect Signatures: April, 14, 2026
- Filing Period: May 19 – May 26, 2026
Filing Hours: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Primary Election: Tuesday, June 23, 2026
- General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2026

PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

- Signatures may be from any Lewis County registered voter that has not signed a designating (party) petition.
- *Valid Signatures:* Must be collected on or after April 14, 2026. Use ink only.

PETITION CONTENT & FORMATTING

- *Header Information:* Include Independent Party Name and Symbol
- *Candidate Information:* Candidate's full name, office title, term, full residential address, and PO Box (if any) must be pre-filled on each petition sheet.
- *Sheet Organization:* Each sheet numbered sequentially at the bottom.
If 10+ sheets, attach a cover sheet (available from Board of Elections). Bind all sheets securely—no loose paper clips.
- *Volume Identification:* Each petition volume must have a unique identification number fronted, per §6215.1.

WITNESS OR NOTARY VERIFICATION

- Whoever passed your petition is the witness
- The witness statement should be completed prior to filing by the witness
- If a NOTARY passed your petition they will complete the Notary section on the bottom

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

- All candidates (potential candidates) must file financial disclosure forms with the State Board of Elections.
- Forms & Info: <http://www.elections.ny.gov/CampaignFinanceForms.html> or call (800) 458-3453 or (518) 486-6627.

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