

Run For It! 2020

Important Deadlines for Candidates

If you want to run for local elected offices for counties, cities, towns, and villages in 2020, you'll need to keep these tasks and deadlines in mind!

Chart 1 is for cities, towns, and villages that are run through a signatures nomination process.

Chart 2 outlines steps and deadlines for municipalities that are run through a caucus election process.*

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Chart 1: Nomination Process through Signatures

Task	Deadline	Who Can Help You?	Notes
Get all the application forms needed to declare your candidacy.	Now! (if you plan to run in the 2020 elections)	The municipal clerk in the jurisdiction you are running in has all forms.	Start with the “Ballot Access Checklist for 2019 Municipal Candidates” for more information about these deadlines.
Start filling out your forms.	Now!	Your municipal clerk can help you with questions. Or contact a volunteer advisor for help. See list in your packet tonight.	Read about the roles you will do as an elected person. See the resources list in your packet, or visit ashland.uwex.edu or bayfield.uwex.edu
Start getting residents’ signatures on your Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office (Form EL-169)	December 1, 2019	This is your first step to ask residents to sign their support of your candidacy.	You have one month to circulate your nomination papers and ask for residents’ signatures in the jurisdiction in which you are running for office.
Submit completed Nomination Papers for Nonpartisan Office (Form EL-169)	5 PM January 7, 2020	Submit to the municipal clerk in the jurisdiction you are running in.	Include all signatures you received from residents in your jurisdiction using the form provided.
Complete and submit a Registration Statement (Form CF-1)	5 PM January 7, 2020	Submit to the municipal clerk in the jurisdiction you are running in.	file prior to spending!
Complete and submit a Declaration of Candidacy (Form EL-162)	5 PM January 7, 2020	Submit to the municipal clerk in the jurisdiction you are running in.	Once these papers are submitted, your name can be placed on the Spring Primary ballot. file prior to spending!
Spring Primary Election	February 18, 2020	You can vote for yourself!	If you win the primary, your name will go on the April Spring Election ballot.
Spring Election!	April 7, 2020		

Chart 2: Caucus Election Process and Deadlines

Task	Deadline	Who Can Help You?	Notes
Between December 1 and January 1 preceding a spring (April) election, the governing body of a town or village must decide the date on which the caucus will be held.	December 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020	The governing board in the municipality in which you live.	Contact your governing board to find out the date of the caucus meeting.
The caucus must be held between January 2 and January 21. When possible, preference should be given to having the caucus on January 21.	January 21, 2020	The caucus is organized by your municipality's governing board.	If you want to be nominated, you need to be at this caucus meeting and have someone submit your name.
If your nomination is accepted after a vote, the clerk is responsible for notifying you in writing of your nomination.	On the night of the caucus	The clerk prepares a notification form that can be completed at the caucus with your name and title of the office to which you were nominated.	Keep that form for the next step.
Each candidate nominated at the caucus meeting is required to complete and file two forms. You must file these forms with the municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 5th day after receiving written notification you have been nominated for office.	5:00 PM no later than the 5 th day after being nominated at the caucus meeting.	You must bring your two forms to the municipal clerk or someone appointed by the deadline.	The two forms you need to complete are Campaign Registration Statement (ETHCF-1) and the Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162). You can get them here: https://elections.wi.gov/forms

*Ashland County communities that have a caucus election: Bad River, Town of Sanborn

*Bayfield County communities that have a caucus election: Barksdale, Town of Bayfield, Bayview, Bell, Clover, Eileen, Hughes, Kelly, Keystone, Town of Mason, Orienta, Oulu, Pilsen, Port Wing, Russell, Tripp, Village of Mason