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Running for County or Precinct Chair in a Party Primary in 2024

Application Process

Candidates seeking office for County or Precinct Chair must file an application to have their name placed on the ballot for the primary election.

Filing Period

- **County Chair:** The [application \(PDF\)](#) must be filed between **November 11, 2023 and 6:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023.** (Section 172.023, Texas Election Code). The application shall be filed with the county chair or the secretary of the county executive committee, if there is one. (Section 172.022, Texas Election Code).
- **Precinct Chair:** The [application \(PDF\)](#) must be filed between **September 12, 2023 and 6:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023.** (Section 172.023, Texas Election Code). The application shall be filed with the county chair or the secretary of the county executive committee, if there is one. (Section 172.022, Texas Election Code).
- **Candidate Application**
 - **Candidate Application for County Chair**
 - **Optional Petition Process for County Chair:** A political party's state executive committee, by rule, may require that an application for county chair be accompanied by a nominating petition containing the signatures of at least 10% of the incumbent precinct chairs serving on the county executive committee. (Section 172.021(f), Texas Election Code). Please contact your party's state executive committee for details as to whether they have created a rule requiring the submission of a nominating petition.
- **Write-in Candidates:** Write-in candidates for the offices of county chair or precinct chair are not permitted unless the county executive committee authorizes write-in candidates for those offices. (Section 171.0231, Texas Election Code). To be on the list of declared write-in candidates for the office of county chair or precinct chair, a person must file a declaration of write-in candidacy with the county chair, the secretary of the county executive committee, or the county chair's designee no later than 6:00 p.m. of the fifth day after the date of the regular filing deadline for the general primary election, Monday, December 18, 2023. (Sections 1.006, 171.0231, Texas Election Code). Please contact your county executive committee for details.

General Eligibility Requirements for Party Offices Appearing on a Primary Ballot

To be eligible to run as a candidate for or serve as county or precinct chair of a political party, a person must be a qualified voter of the county. A qualified voter is a registered voter of the county. (Sections 11.002, 161.005, Texas Election Code.) The candidate must therefore be a