



## **2025 Municipal Candidate How to Qualifying Guide**

### **Verify Eligibility:**

**Residency:** Ensure you have resided in the municipality or ward you intend to represent for at least two years prior to the general election date. **Voter Registration:** Confirm you are a registered voter in the respective municipality or ward.

### **Prepare Necessary Documents:**

**Statement of Intent:** Complete the appropriate qualifying statement:

**For party-affiliated candidates:** “Qualifying Statement of Intent for a Candidate for Party Nomination.”

**For independent candidates:** “Qualifying Statement of Intent for an Independent Candidate.”

**Qualifying Fee:** Prepare a \$10 fee, payable upon submission of your Statement of Intent.

**Petition Signatures (Independent Candidates Only):** Collect signatures from at least 50 qualified electors within the municipality or ward.

### **Submit Qualifying Documents:**

**Where to Submit:** File all documents with the Municipal Clerk’s Office in your city of residence.

**Deadline:** Ensure submission by 5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted.

### **File a Statement of Economic Interest:**

**Timeline:** Submit this statement within 15 days of qualifying.

**Where to File:** File with the Mississippi Ethics Commission, located at 660 North Street, Suite #100-C, Jackson, MS 39202; Phone: (601) 359-1285.

### **Comply with Campaign Finance Disclosure:**

**Reporting:** File required campaign finance disclosure reports with the Municipal Clerk’s Office by the specified deadlines. All reports must be filed no later than 5:00 PM following deadline dates

**Periodic Reports for Contributions and expenditures:** - January 10, 2025 - March 25, 2025 - April 15, 2025 - May 27, 2025 - October 28, 2025 - November 25, 2025

**Annual Report due:** January 31, 2025, January 31, 2026

### **Prepare for the Election:**

**Primary Election:** Scheduled for April 1, 2025.

**Primary Runoff (if necessary):** April 22, 2025.

**General Election:** June 3, 2025.

For comprehensive details, refer to the Mississippi Secretary of State’s 2025 Candidate Qualifying Guide. [2025 Candidate Qualifying Guide](#)

Adhering to these steps will ensure your candidacy is properly filed for the upcoming municipal elections.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 10, 2025

**Mississippi Democratic Party Chair Calls for Candidates in Upcoming Municipal Elections**

**Jackson, MS** – The Mississippi Democratic Party is excited to announce the opening of candidate qualifications for the upcoming municipal elections. We are actively seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to represent the Democratic Party at the local level and to serve our communities with integrity and commitment.

Statement from the Chair, Cheikh Taylor “Municipal elections are the foundation of our democracy, directly impacting the daily lives of Mississippians. We encourage community leaders, activists, and concerned citizens who are committed to Democratic values to step forward and run for office. Your leadership can drive positive change in our cities and towns, ensuring that all voices are heard and represented.

The Mississippi Democratic Party is dedicated to supporting our candidates throughout the electoral process. We offer resources, training, and a network of experienced public servants to guide you from the initial stages of your campaign to victory on election day.

We believe in a Mississippi where opportunity, justice, and equality are accessible to all. By running for municipal office, you become a catalyst for this vision, working to improve education, create jobs, and build safer communities.

If you are passionate about making a difference and ready to take on the responsibility of public service, we urge you to contact our office to learn more about the qualification process. Together, we can build a brighter future for Mississippi.”

The Mississippi Democratic Party is committed to promoting Democratic principles and electing leaders who will advocate for the well-being and prosperity of all Mississippians. Our mission is to support candidates who are dedicated to public service and to building a stronger, more inclusive Mississippi.

For more information on how to qualify as a candidate and the resources available, please visit our website at [www.mississippidemocrats.org](http://www.mississippidemocrats.org) or contact our office at (601) 969-2913.

Sandra McCall  
Campaign Committee Chair  
Vice Chair Jodie Brown  
Campaign Committee Co-Chair

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About Mississippi Democratic Party:

The Mississippi Democratic Party is dedicated to advancing progressive values, fostering inclusive policies, and promoting equal representation for all Mississippians. As the state's leading Democratic organization, we work tirelessly to build a strong and diverse coalition, advocate for meaningful change, and support Democratic candidates who champion social justice, economic fairness, and access to quality healthcare and education. Together, we strive to create a brighter future for Mississippi by ensuring that every voice is heard and every vote counts.