

RUNNING FOR OFFICE in North Dakota



PETITION SIGNATURE GATHERING

Guidance for candidates seeking nomination through petition

SIGNATURE GATHERING PROCEDURES

Make sure your petition signatures follow these guidelines to ensure they are not rejected.

1. Circulator should be present when signer signs the petition.
2. Have a clearly printed name. Ask the signer to print and sign clearly. Illegible printed signatures will be rejected if a name cannot be determined.
3. Include a complete residential address, any needed apartment or suite numbers, city, state, and zip code. PO boxes and general delivery addresses are not residential addresses and will be rejected.
 - ▶ Must indicate if the address is a street, avenue, boulevard, place, circle, etc.
 - ▶ Must provide a directional indicator for the address: N, S, E, W, NE, SW, etc.
 - ▶ Must include city, state, and zip code.

Example of complete address within a signature sheet:

Month Day Year	Name of Qualified Elector PRINTED	Name of Qualified Elector SIGNATURE	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Include street type, any directional (N,S,E,W), apartment or suite numbers, if applicable.	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
8/1/29	Joe Smith	Joe Smith	123 Forest Blvd NE, Apt #2	Minster	ND	58244

4. Each person must sign the petition individually. Do not let another person sign for another individual, such as his or her spouse/partner. Such signatures will be rejected.
5. Include the complete date that he or she signed.

QUALIFICATIONS OF SIGNERS

Petition/Certificate of
Nomination (SFN 2704)

*Individuals signing
candidate petitions for
nomination must be
qualified electors:*

- 🕒 U.S. Citizen
- 🕒 At least 18 years old
- 🕒 Lived in jurisdiction
in North Dakota for
30 days or more

IMPORTANT CIRCULATION OF PETITION DATES

- 🕒 **Primary Election:**
Candidates may not
begin circulating
petitions of
nomination before
January 1, 2026 for
placement on the
Primary ballot.
- 🕒 **General Election:**
Candidates may not
begin circulating
petitions of
nomination before
April 3, 2026, for
placement on the
General ballot.