

BECOMING A CANDIDATE – SUN 'N LAKE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

There will be (2) openings for the Board of Supervisors. They will be elected by popular vote at the General Election on November 5, 2024. Supervisors shall take office for a four-year term commencing on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of 2025.

Qualifying for Statewide, Multi-county, County, District & Political Party Candidates

(County Qualifying Week: Noon, June 10 - Noon, June 14, 2024)

Alternative (Petition) Method

A candidate who has submitted the necessary petitions by the required deadline, or has paid the qualifying fee(s), and qualifies within the time prescribed is entitled to have his or her name printed on the ballot.

In order for a candidate to be qualified, the following items must be received by the filing officer by the end of the qualifying period:

Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates.

Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates

1. Shall be filed with the filing officer prior to opening the campaign account.
F.S. 106.021
 2. Is not effective until the campaign treasurer signs it and it is filed with the filing officer.
 3. Is not considered "filed" upon mailing.
 4. Shall be on file with the filing officer prior to the candidate accepting any contributions or making any expenditures or authorizing another to accept contributions or make expenditures on behalf of the candidate.
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Form DS-DE 84 (filed within 10 days of filing Form DS-DE 9)

Statement of Candidate Form

1. Must be filed by the candidate with the filing officer within (10) days after filing Form DS-DE 9. This form states that the candidate has received, read, and understands the requirements of Chapter 106, F.S.
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Form DS-DE 301SL, Candidate Oath and Statement of Party for all state and local candidates running for partisan office or Form DS-DE 302NP, Candidate Oath for candidates running for nonpartisan office or Form DS-DE 304SB, Candidate Oath for candidates running for School Board.

Candidate Oath Nonpartisan Office

Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests along with any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6 or Form 1, Statement of Financial Interest (Special district offices only).

Certified petition signatures. If unable to collect the required number of signatures the candidate may opt to pay the qualifying fee.

Candidate Petition Form

Candidates who wish NOT to file by Petition Method

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates.
2. Form DS-DE 84 (filed within 10 days of filing Form DS-DE 9)
3. Form DS-DE 301SL, Candidate Oath and Statement of Party for all state and local candidates running for partisan office **or** Form DS-DE 302NP, Candidate Oath for candidates running for nonpartisan office **or** Form DS-DE 304SB, Candidate Oath for candidates running for School Board.
4. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests along with any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6 or Form 1, Statement of Financial Interest (Special district offices only).
5. Check written on campaign account for filing fees. Pursuant to 99.092, Florida Statutes, qualifying fees consist of the following:

Filing Fee	3.0%
Party Assessment, if levied	2.0%
Election Assessment	<u>1.0%</u>
	6.0%

Partisan candidates pay 6% of the annual salary of the office sought.

Non-partisan candidates pay 4% of the annual salary of the office sought (filing fee and election assessment). The 1.0% election assessment is deposited into the Elections Commission Trust Fund.

IMPORTANT DATES

Election	Book Closing Date	Date of Election
Presidential Preference Primary	February 20, 2024	March 19, 2024
Town of Lake Placid Election	March 4, 2024	April 2, 2024
Primary Election	July 22, 2024	August 20, 2024
General Election	October 7, 2024	November 5, 2024

Submitting Signed Petitions to Supervisor of Elections
Due no later than Noon, May 13, 2024

Petitions for statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates seeking to qualify by the petition method due to supervisors. (§ 99.095, F.S.)

Qualifying Week
June 10 - June 14, 2024 (Noon to Noon)

Qualifying takes place for all statewide, multi-county, county and district candidates. (§ 99.061, F.S.)

Sun 'n Lake will hold a candidate forum at the Community Center on Wednesday, July 17th, 6-8pm.

VOTING

How to Register to Vote:

[Register to Vote](#)

If you have any questions or need more information regarding voting you may contact:

[Division of Elections](#)

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HELP

For more information, please click on the following links:

[Highlands County Supervisor of Elections](#)

[Becoming a Candidate](#)

[Candidate Handbook](#) Pages 14-15: When and What to File
