

# **Candidate Qualifications for all 2026 Offices**

## **Candidate Qualifications for Kannapolis Board of Education Offices:**

*(Candidates file at the Cabarrus County Board of Elections office)*

- Candidates must reside and must be registered to vote in Cabarrus County and the Kannapolis School District.
- Candidates must be a resident of that district for 30 days before the election.
- Candidates must be 21 Years of age or older.

### ***Filing Fees for 2026***

<b>Kannapolis Board of Education Area I</b>	<b>2 Seats - 4 Year Term</b>	<b>Filing Fee \$50.00</b>
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## **Candidate Qualifications for Cabarrus County Board of Education Offices:**

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- Candidates must reside and must be registered to vote in the Cabarrus County School District.
- Candidates must be a resident of that district for 30 days before the election.
- Candidates must be 21 Years of age or older.
- Candidates must be a registered voter affiliated with the same political party in which he or she intends to file (a person changing party affiliation must do so 90 days prior to the date the candidate files).

### ***Filing Fees for 2026***

<b>Cabarrus Board of Education</b>	<b>3 Seats - 4 Year Term</b>	<b>Filing Fee \$50.00</b>
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# Candidate Qualifications for County Offices:

*(Candidates file at the Cabarrus County Board of Elections office)*

- Candidates must be a registered voter of the County.
- Candidates must be 21 Years of age or older.
- Candidates must be eligible to vote for the office filed for.
- Candidates must be a registered voter affiliated with the same political party in which he or she intends to file (a person changing party affiliation must do so 90 days prior to the date the candidate files).
- Candidates for Sheriff must provide a Disclosure Statement prepared by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission at the time of filing their notice of candidacy.
- **Filing for Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor is June 8 at 12:00 Noon through July 6 at 5:00 PM.**

## *Filing Fees for 2026*

County Commissioner	3 Seats - 4 Year Term	Filing Fee \$ 139.44
Clerk of Court	1 Seat – 4 Year Term	Filing Fee \$1,470.10
Sheriff	1 Seat - 4 Year Term	Filing Fee \$ 1,773.62
Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor	2 Seats - 4 Year Term	Filing Fee \$5.00

# Candidate Qualifications for State Offices:

*(Candidates file at the Cabarrus County Board of Elections office)*

- State Representative
  - Candidates must be 21 Years of age or older.
  - Candidates must be registered to vote in the district and eligible to vote for the office filed for.
- State Senator
  - Candidates must be 25 Years of age or older.
  - Candidates must reside in state for two years prior to election.
  - Candidates must reside in district for one year prior to election.
  - Candidates must be registered to vote in the district and eligible to vote for the office filed for.

- Candidates must be a registered voter affiliated with the same political party in which he or she intends to file (a person changing party affiliation must do so 90 days prior to the date the candidate files).

***Filing Fees for 2026***

State Representative – District 73	1 Seat - 2 Year Term	Filing Fee \$ 139.51
State Representative – District 82	1 Seat - 2 Year Term	Filing Fee \$ 139.51
State Representative – District 83	1 Seat - 2 Year Term	Filing Fee \$ 139.51
State Senator – District 34 and 35	1 Seat - 2 Year Term	Filing Fee \$ 139.51

## Candidate Qualifications for Judgeships:

*(Candidates file at the State Board of Elections office)*

- Candidates must be a registered voter and residing in the applicable jurisdiction or district as of the time of filing. The jurisdiction of North Carolina’s Supreme Court and Court of Appeals is statewide.
- Candidates must be 21 Years of age or older.
- Only persons duly authorized to practice law in the courts of this State shall be eligible for election as a Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Judge of the Superior Court, or Judge of District Court.

***Filing Fees for 2026***

Judge, District Court	4 Seats - 4 Year Term	<b>Filing Fee \$1,251.00</b>
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## Candidate Qualifications for District Attorney:

*(Candidates file at the State Board of Elections office)*

- Candidates must be a registered voter of the County.
- Candidates must be 21 Years of age or older.
- Candidates must be eligible to vote for the office filed for.

- Candidates must be a registered voter affiliated with the same political party in which he or she intends to file (a person changing party affiliation must do so 90 days prior to the date the candidate files).
- Only persons duly authorized to practice law in the courts of this State shall be eligible for election as a District Attorney.
- Filing fees are determined on at least 1% of the office's salary. The Filing Fee for District Attorney will be **\$1,374** in 2026

## **Candidate Qualifications for Congress:**

*(Candidates file at the State Board of Elections office)*

- U.S House
  - Candidates must be 25 Years of age or older.
  - Candidates must be a U.S. Citizen for at least 7 years.
  - Candidates must be a resident and registered voter of the state where seeking office (a candidate running for U.S. House is not required to be a resident of the congressional District in which the candidate is seeking election).
- U.S Senate
  - Candidates must be 30 Years of age or older.
  - Candidates must be a U.S. Citizen for at least 9 years.
  - Candidates must be a resident and registered voter of the state where seeking office.
- Candidates must be a registered voter affiliated with the same political party in which he or she intends to file (a person changing party affiliation must do so 90 days prior to the date the candidate files).
- Filing fees are determined on at least 1% of the office's salary. For both U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator, the filing fee will be **\$1,740.00** in 2026.