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This presentation is intended to help federal candidates and their campaign committees determine when they need to register with the Federal Election Commission, and how to do so. Should you have any questions after viewing this presentation, please contact the FEC's Information Division for assistance.

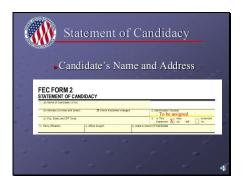
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Generally, an individual running for Congress or the Presidency must register with the Federal Election Commission as a candidate once he or she has raised or spent more than \$5,000 in connection with the campaign. Within 15 days after reaching the \$5,000 threshold, the candidate must file a Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form 2) to register as a candidate and to designate a principal campaign committee. Within 10 days after the candidate's designation, the campaign committee must

register by filing a Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1). Let's take a close look at the two registration forms, beginning with the Statement of Candidacy.

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On line 1 of the Statement of Candidacy, please provide the candidate's full name and address.

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The identification number requested on line 2 will be assigned by the Commission, so if this is your first Form 2 filing you may leave that line blank or write "to be assigned" in the space provided.



On line 3, check the appropriate box to indicate whether this is a new or amended Statement of Candidacy.

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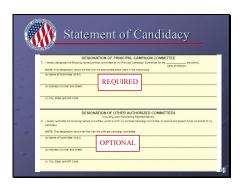


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On line 7, you must provide the name and address of your principal campaign committee. If you choose, you may also designate additional authorized committees on line 8.

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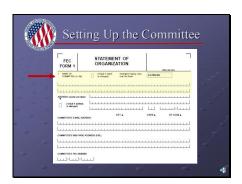
Under the so-called Millionaires' Amendment, a candidate whose opponent spends personal funds that exceed certain threshold amounts may become eligible for increased contribution limits. On line 9 of the Statement of Candidacy, candidates must indicate whether they intent to exceed the threshold amounts for the primary and/or general elections and, if so, by what amount.



The threshold amount for House candidates is \$350,000. The Senate threshold varies by state, based on the voting age population. The Commission publishes the threshold amounts for each state on its web site. If you do not intend to exceed the applicable threshold, enter "0" on lines 9A and B.

Finally, be sure to sign and date the form before you file it.

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Now let's look at Form 1, the Statement of Organization form used to register the candidate's campaign committee. First, the committee must provide its name and mailing address.

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The committee's name must be identical to the name the candidate provided on the Statement of Candidacy. Please note that the committee's name must include the name of the candidate. Friends of Jane Doe and Smith for Senate are examples of acceptable campaign committee names. Only a committee authorized by a candidate may use that candidate's name in its name.



Next, provide the committee's email address, web site address (if the committee has a site) and the campaign's fax number.

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On line #2, provide the date on which the candidate designated the committee as a principal campaign committee.
The FEC identification number

requested on line 3 will be assigned by the Commission. The committee will then use this number on all reports and statements it files with the agency.

On line #4, indicate whether this is a new or amended Form 1. At the bottom of page 1, the committee treasurer must sign and date the form.

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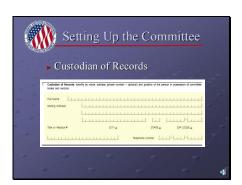


On the second page of the Statement of Organization, check the box to indicate that you are registering a principal campaign committee. (Other authorized committees would check the second box.) Then provide the name of the candidate, party affiliation and office sought.



Any affiliated, authorized committees would be listed at the bottom of page 2. If your campaign does not have additional authorized committees, simply leave this space blank.

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At the top of page 3, provide the name, address, title and phone number for the committee's Custodian of Records—the person in possession of the committee's books and records.

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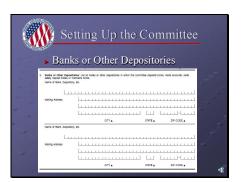
At the bottom of page three, provide the same information for the committee's Treasurer. Often the committee treasurer is the same individual who serves as the custodian of records. In fact, it is possible for the candidate to serve as treasurer and custodian of records.

The Commission recommends that you also designate an Assistant Treasurer—or designated agent—who can fill in in the treasurer's absence.



The committee treasurer has many responsibilities under the federal campaign finance law. The treasurer must deposit funds received within 10 days of receipt; authorize all expenditures the committee makes; monitor contributions to ensure they are from permissible sources and within the applicable limits; keep all required records for a period of three years; sign the committee's reports; and ensure that reports are accurate and filed on time.

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On the last page of the Statement of Organization, the committee must identify bank where the committee has its account.

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While committees are free to invest their funds, they must maintain at least one account at a federally insured institution on which checks can be drawn. In order to open a bank account, the committee will need to first obtain a taxpayer identification number from the Internal Revenue Service by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM.



House candidates and committees file their documents directly with the FEC. Senate candidates and committees file with the Secretary of the Senate. The mailing addresses for both offices are listed on the forms. Please note that Forms 1 and 2 require the original signature of the committee treasurer and candidate, respectively, so neither may be submitted by fax. Duplicate registration and reporting with state election offices is no longer required in most jurisdictions. However, candidates running in Puerto Rico and Guam must continue to file copies of all reports and statements with their local election offices. Addresses and phone numbers for those offices are available on our web site. Even if you're not required to file copies of reports with your state election office, you may want to make a note of their phone number since they handle questions concerning ballot access requirements.

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Once the Commission receives and processes a campaign's registration documents, the agency mails out a welcome packet that includes the candidate's identification number, the committee's identification number, a compliance manual called the Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees, and a list of upcoming reporting deadlines for the campaign. In addition, the

committee treasurer will automatically be added to the subscription list for our monthly newsletter, the Record, and—as a courtesy—will be sent reporting reminders and forms just before reports are due. Please note that failure to receive a reporting reminder does not relieve the committee of its obligation to file its reports in a timely manner.

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The Federal Election Commission is committed to helping campaigns comply with the federal campaign finance laws. We provide a wealth of compliance information on our web site; we maintain a toll-free information line you can call for help without having to identify yourself; we respond within 10 days to questions sent by e-mail; and we conduct conferences throughout the country, host roundtable workshops in Washington, DC, and visit state capitals to meet with local candidates, party and PAC representatives. We encourage you to make use of these resources, and look forward to serving you.

