Guide to Elected Offices

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How do I use this guide?

This publication is intended to help potential candidates narrow their focus to a specific office. As you review these offices, consider your skill set, how it might relate to the duties of the office, and how your professional and personal constraints might fit the position's requirements.

Unless otherwise noted, each position listed is up for election in 2024. The maps of various district-level boundaries are linked for each office once available. Please excuse any errors of fact, grammar, or spelling. This edition is current as of Aug. 16, 2023.

Running for Office Common Requirements

Anyone who wants to run for an elected position in Arkansas, must meet the following minimum requirements. Additional unique requirements will be listed under each position description.

- Must possess the qualifications of an elector (live in the applicable district)
- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Must be an Arkansas resident
- Must be lawfully registered to vote
- Must not hold any other state or federal office (state-level positions); nor appointed or elected to any other civil office (below state-level positions) upon election
- Must never have been convicted of embezzlement of public money, bribery, forgery, or other infamous crime

Filing Requirements & Deadline Information

A person may not run for more than one state, county, municipal, district or township office if the elections are to be held on the same date. For all candidates (who currently do not hold public office), a Statement of Financial Interest must be completed and returned to the applicable office the first Monday following the end of the filing period.

Federal and State Partisan Positions

- Filing dates: begins noon, Nov. 6, 2023 ends noon Nov. 14, 2023
- Filing location: Little Rock Capitol Building
- Must pay partisan party filing fee, if any, to the party during the filing period (each estimated filing fee is indicated in the applicable sections below)
- Provide the Secretary of State the following:
 - Signed affidavit of candidate eligibility "Political Practices Pledge"
 - Party certificate (provided by political party)

County Partisan Positions

- Filing dates: begins noon, Nov. 6, 2023 ends noon Nov. 14, 2023
- Filing location: County Clerk's Office
- Democrats must pay partisan party filing fee of \$50 to the Democratic Party of Washington County (WCDP)
- Provide the County Clerk's Office with the following:
 - Signed affidavit of candidate eligibility "Political Practices Pledge"
 - Party certificate (provided by political party)

Judicial Nonpartisan Offices & Prosecuting Attorneys

- Petition filing dates for candidates to avoid paying a filing fee: begins noon Sept. 14, 2023 - ends noon Sept. 21, 2023
- Filing dates: begins at 3 p.m. Nov. 6, 2023 ends 3 p.m. Nov. 14, 2023
- Filing location: Little Rock Capitol Building
- Must pay nonpartisan office filing fee, or file applicable signature petition, to the Secretary of State during the filing period (each estimated filing fee is indicated in the applicable sections below)
- Provide the Secretary of State the following:
 - Signed affidavit of candidate eligibility "Political Practices Pledge"

Municipal Nonpartisan Positions

- Filing dates: begins July 31, 2024 ends Aug. 7, 2024
- Filing location: County Clerk's Office
- Provide the County Clerk the following:
 - Signed affidavit of candidate eligibility "Political Practices Pledge"
 - Applicable signature petition for the position (varies by municipal size)
 - Signature collection period for Nov election can begin May 9, 2024

School Board Nonpartisan Positions (Spring and Nov. 2024)

- May Election Filing dates: begins 3 p.m. Nov. 6, 2023 ends 3 p.m. Nov. 14, 2023
- Nov. Election Filing dates: begins July 31, 2024 ends Aug. 7, 2024
- Filing location: County Clerk's Office
- Provide the County Clerk the following:
 - o Signed affidavit of candidate eligibility "Political Practices Pledge"
 - Applicable signature petition for the position
 - Signature collection period for spring election can begin July 23, 2023
 - Signature collection period for Nov election can begin May 9, 2024

Federal Offices

United States House of Representatives (3rd Congressional)

The lower chamber of the federal legislature, the U.S. House of Representatives is composed of 435 voting members apportioned among the states by population as determined by each decennial census (each state is entitled to at least one representative, regardless of population size).

- Responsibilities: Serve on committees and write, sponsor, and co-sponsor federal legislation.
- Terms: Two years
- Compensation: \$174,000 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - o Age: minimum 25 years old
 - Must have been a U.S. citizen for more than 7 years
 - Filing fee of \$2,500 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- Incumbent: Republican Steve Womack

United States Senate (NO Arkansas election in 2024)

The upper chamber of the federal legislature, the U.S. Senate, is comprised of 100 members, two from each state. Its members are divided into three classes, which are elected to six-year terms every two years.

- Responsibilities: Serve on committees and write, sponsor, and co-sponsor federal legislation.
- Terms: Six years
- Compensation: \$174,000 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - Age: minimum 30 years old
 - Must have been a U.S. citizen for more than 9 years
 - Filing fee of \$5,000 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- Incumbent: Republican John Boozman (term ends 2028) and Republican Tom Cotton (term ends 2026)

Statewide Elected Officials (Only one election in 2024)

Arkansas has seven statewide executive branch officers described in the state constitution. Except for Lieutenant Governor, all statewide positions in Arkansas are full-time, executive-branch administrative positions that oversee significant portions of state government.

Governor (no election in 2024)

The governor is the chief executive officer of the state of Arkansas and the commander-in-chief of all the state's military and naval forces except when either force is already under federal command.

- Responsibilities: Has veto power over all legislative actions, including appropriation bills, concurrent orders, and resolutions. Has the power to grant reprieves, commutations of sentence, and pardons after conviction and to remit fines and forfeitures under such rules and regulations. Other duties include issuing and authorizing all commissions and grants made by the state, calling extraordinary sessions of the legislature, and filling vacancies in certain offices.
- Terms: Four years (term-limited to a total of two four-year terms)
- Compensation: \$158,739 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - Age: minimum 30 years old
 - o Residency: Arkansas resident for seven years
 - Filing fee of \$5,000 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- Incumbent: Republican Sarah Huckabee Sanders (term-limited in 2030)

Lieutenant Governor (no election in 2024)

- Responsibilities: The lieutenant governor replaces a governor who has died, become disabled, or was removed from office. The lieutenant governor also serves as president of the Arkansas State Senate, though the lieutenant governor may cast a vote only in the case of a tie.
- *Terms:* Four years (term-limited to a total of two four-year terms)
- Compensation: \$46,704 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - Age: minimum 30 years old
 - Residency: Arkansas resident for seven years
 - Filing fee of \$1,500 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- Incumbent: Republican Leslie Rutledge (term-limited in 2030)

Attorney General (no election in 2024)

The Attorney General (AG) is the chief attorney for the state of Arkansas and is the attorney for all state officials, departments, and institutions.

- Responsibilities: The office of attorney general's duties include representing state
 agencies and officers in court and providing them with legal advice and opinions related
 to their official duties. The attorney general also enforces state consumer protection,
 antitrust, and environmental law. He or she pursues fraud cases regarding the state
 Medicaid program and handles all criminal appeals and habeas corpus cases on behalf
 of the state.
- *Terms:* Four years (term-limited to a total of two four-year terms)
- Compensation: \$146,355 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - Age: minimum 18 years oldResidency: Arkansas resident
 - Filing fee of \$5,000 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- Incumbent: Republican Tim Griffin (term-limited in 2030)

Secretary of State (no election in 2024)

The Secretary of State is Arkansas' chief election officer; maintains the state's election records, supervises voter registration and electronic voting systems, and collects campaign finance reports from candidates, donors and interest groups.

- Responsibilities: Manage the Business and Commercial Services Division (BCS), Business Office, Capitol Facilities Division, Communications and Education Division, and the Elections Division.
- Terms: Four years (term-limited to a total of two four-year terms)
- Compensation: \$101,322 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - Age: minimum 18 years old
 - o Residency: Arkansas resident
 - Filing fee of \$1,500 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- Incumbent: Republican John Thurston (term-limited in 2026)

Treasurer of State (election in 2024)

The Treasurer of the State of Arkansas is the chief financial officer of the government of Arkansas.

Responsibilities: The Treasurer acts as the state's bank, accepting deposits in the form
of taxes and fees and disbursing funds to state agencies based on warrants from the
auditor's office. The office is also responsible for providing state aid to local governments
and investing the state's cash funds.

- Terms: Four years (term-limited to a total of two four-year terms)
- Compensation: \$95,693 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - o Age: minimum 18 years old
 - o Residency: Arkansas resident
 - Filing fee of \$1,250 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- *Incumbent:* None (Governor appointment in 2023)
- THIS WILL BE AN ACTIVE RACE IN 2024

Auditor of State (no election in 2024)

The Auditor acts as the general accountant for the State.

- Responsibilities: Keeping track of all fund and appropriation balances of all state agencies and writing the warrants (checks) in payment of the liabilities of the State. The auditor also manages the state's unclaimed property division.
- Terms: Four years (term-limited to a total of two four-year terms)
- Compensation: \$95,693 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - o Age: minimum 18 years old
 - o Residency: Arkansas resident
 - Filing fee of \$1,500 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- Incumbent: Republican Dennis Milligan (term-limited in 2030)

Commissioner of State Lands (no election in 2024)

The commissioner has chief authority over Arkansas' landed interests

- Responsibilities: The commissioner serves as the chairperson for the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, among other responsibilities.
- *Terms:* Four years (term-limited to a total of two four-year terms)
- Compensation: \$95,693 annually
- Filing Requirements:
 - Age: minimum 18 years old
 - Residency: Arkansas resident
 - Filing fee of \$1,500 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas
- *Incumbent:* Tommy Land (term-limited in 2026)

Judicial Nonpartisan Offices & Prosecuting Attorneys

Arkansas judicial elected positions are nonpartisan elections.

Appellate Court Positions (Supreme Court and Court of Appeals)

The Supreme Court has seven justices (one is considered the chief). The Court of Appeals has 13 justices (two justices represent Districts 1 - 6, and District 7 has one justice; one of the 13 is considered the chief).

- Terms: eight years
- *Compensation:* annual; Supreme Court Chief Justice \$219,902, Associate Justices \$203,625; Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals \$203,625, Associate Justices \$197,596
- Filing Requirements:
 - o Arkansas Licensed Attorney: eight years preceding date assuming office
 - Filing fee paid to the state of 6% annual salary of Supreme Court judge (Supreme Court candidates) or 5% of annual salary of Court of Appeals judge (Court of Appeals candidates)
- Positions up in 2024:

Position	Incumbent	Previously Elected
Supreme Court, Chief Justice Position 1	John Dan Kemp¹	2016
Supreme Court, Position 5	Shawn A. Womack	2016
Supreme Court, Position 2	n/a²	2022

Circuit Court Positions

Circuit courts are general jurisdiction trial courts; consisting of five subject matter divisions: criminal, civil, probate, domestic relations, and juvenile.

- Terms: six years
- Compensation: annual; \$197,596
- Filing Requirements:
 - Arkansas Licensed Attorney: six years preceding date assuming office
 - Filing fee paid to the state of 4% annual salary of Circuit Court judge (Circuit Court candidates)
- Positions up in 2024: NONE

¹ Supreme Court Chief Justice Kemp will not be pursuing reelection in 2024.

² Supreme Court Associate Justice Robin Wynne passed away in 2023 and his elected replacement will be elected in 2024 and will serve the remainder of his eight year term (2030).

District Court Positions

State district courts exercise territorial jurisdiction within judicial districts established by the General Assembly. This jurisdiction may be city-wide, countywide, or combine more than one county into a judicial district.

• Terms: four years

• Compensation: annual \$168,803

• Filing Requirements:

Arkansas Licensed Attorney: four years preceding date assuming office

 Filing fee paid to the state of 3% annual salary of District Court judge (District Court candidates)

• Positions up in 2024:

Position	Incumbent	Previously Elected
District Judge Division 1	Jeff Harper	2020
District Judge Division 2	Casey Jones	2020
District Judge Division 3	Graham Nations	2020
District Judge Division 4	Terra Stephenson	2020

State Legislative Offices

The state of Arkansas has a bicameral legislature consisting of a lower house, the Arkansas House of Representatives, and an upper house, the State Senate.

State House of Representatives

The House is composed of 100 members elected from an equal number of constituencies across the state. Each district has an average population of 30,115, according to the 2020 federal census. Alongside the Arkansas State Senate, the Arkansas State House of Representatives forms the legislative branch of the Arkansas state government. A State Rep works alongside the governor of Arkansas to create laws and establish a state budget.

- Responsibilities: Passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes
- Terms: Two years
- Compensation: \$44,357 salary/year; Per diem: Legislators residing within 50 miles of the capitol \$59/day; Legislators residing more than 50 miles from the capitol \$155/day
- Typical Schedule: General session (odd years) begins the second Monday in January and typically lasts until April/May. Fiscal session (even years) begins the second Monday in February and typically lasts a month or two. Legislators are assigned to three committees, some of which meet monthly throughout the year.
- Filing Requirements:
 - Age: 21 or older upon election
 - Residency: resident of Arkansas for two years preceding election and a resident of their district for one year preceding election
 - Filing fee of \$1,000 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas or \$0 if there is no Democratic incumbent and the candidate obtains 150 signatures from registered voters in their district - signatures must be returned by Oct. 27, 2023
- Adopted maps: <u>LINK</u>

Current State Representatives with all or a portion of the district in Washington County:

State

State Treasurer Fill Remainder of Term

State House

- 9 Deanna Hodges
- 11 Rebecca Burkes
- 18 Robin Lundstrum
- 19 Steve Unger
- 20 Denise Garner
- 21 Nicole Clowney
- 22 David Whitaker
- 23 Kendra Moore
- 24 Charlene Fite
- 25 Chad Puryear

State Senate

The Senate is composed of 35 members elected from an equal number of constituencies across the state. Each district has an average population of 86,044 according to the 2020 federal census. Alongside the Arkansas State House of Representatives, the Arkansas State Senate forms the legislative branch of the Arkansas state government and works alongside the governor of Arkansas to create laws and establish a state budget.

- Responsibilities: Passing bills on public policy matters, setting levels for state spending, raising and lowering taxes, and voting to uphold or override gubernatorial vetoes
- Terms: Two-Four-Four year system (half of the senate is up each even year, all positions are up the election year following the census; e.g., 2022)
- *Compensation:* \$44,357 salary/year; Per diem: Legislators residing within 50 miles of the capitol \$59/day; Legislators residing more than 50 miles from the capitol \$155/day
- Typical Schedule: General session (odd years) begins the second Monday in January and typically lasts until April/May. Fiscal session (even years) begins the second Monday in February and typically lasts a month or two. Legislators are assigned to three committees, some of which meet monthly throughout the year.
- Filing Requirements:
 - Age: 25 or older upon election
 - Residency: resident of Arkansas for two years preceding election and a resident of their district for one year preceding election
 - Filing fee of \$2,500 paid to the Democratic Party of Arkansas or \$0 if there is no Democratic incumbent and the candidate obtains 400 signatures from registered voters in their district - signatures must be returned by Oct. 27, 2023
- Adopted maps: <u>LINK</u>

Current State Representatives with all or a portion of district in Washington County:

State Senate

29 Jim Petty

33 Bart Hester

Countywide Partisan Offices (NO elections in 2024)

Washington County has eight elected officials who fulfill duties for the entire county. These positions are full-time, and the compensation reflects these professional administrative responsibilities. These duties range from overseeing the county government executive departments (county judge) to law enforcement and investigation (sheriff and coroner). Countywide elected officials are also responsible for the administrative functions of the county-level judicial courts; assessment, collection, and administration of public taxes, and the management of county business and election registration.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICES	ELECTED OFFICIAL	CONTACT INFORMATION	TERM OF OFFICE/
County Judge	Patrick Deakins (R)	https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/elected-officials/county-judge	4 Year Term
Sheriff	Jay Cantrell (R)	https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-f-z/sheriff	4 Year Term
Assessor	Russell Hill (R)	https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-a-e/assessor	4 Year Term
Circuit Clerk	Kyle Sylvester (R)	https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-a-e/circuit-clerk	4 Year Term
Collector	Angela Wood (R)	https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-a-e/collector	4 Year Term
Coroner	Roger Morris (D)	https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-a-e/coroner	4 Year Term
County Clerk	Becky Lewallen (R)	https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-a-e/county-clerk	4 Year Term
Treasurer	Bobby Hill (R)	https://www.washingtoncountyar.gov/government/departments-f-z/treasurer	4 Year Term

District-Level County Offices

There are 20 positions in Washington County elected by local districts to serve at the county level. These positions include **Constables** and **Justices of the Peace**. Constables have a law enforcement role and are outdated but constitutionally required elected positions, while Justices of the Peace serve vital roles as the legislative branch of county government.

Constable

- Responsibilities: Constables are a relatively archaic elected position that predates the
 ability of law enforcement to effectively cover the entirety of large counties. For further
 information on the duties of Constables, see this 2010 story from the Arkansas
 Democrat-Gazette.
- Terms: Two years
- Compensation: None. Constables may take training for law enforcement duties, such as ticket-writing in their district and licensure to carry firearms. All training, equipment, and uniforms are paid for by the constable.
- Filing Requirements:
 - o Age: 18
 - Residency: Must reside in the district once elected
 - Filing Fee of \$50 paid to the Democratic Party of Washington County

Current Constables:

District	Party	Incumbent
1	Republican	John R. Buchan
2	Democrat	John Brooks
3	Republican	Kyle Woodruff

Justices of the Peace (JP)

Justices of the Peace, or JPs for short, are the most directly representative partisan officials in Washington County. For additional reference, see the <u>2022 Procedures Manual</u>.

- Responsibilities: Review and pass county ordinance, levying taxes, and maintaining county services (e.g., county jail, county courthouse, county roads, and infrastructure)
- Terms: Two years

- Compensation: Starting in 2022, \$267 per whole or quorum court meetings; \$157 per additional other meetings
- Typical Schedule: 2-3 meetings a month;
- Filing Requirements:
 - o Age: 18
 - o Residency: Must reside in the district once elected
 - Filing Fee of \$50 paid to the Democratic Party of Washington County

<u>Current Justices of the Peace - Quorum Court District Map</u>

COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BRANCH*	ELECTED OFFICIAL	CONTACT INFORMATION
District 1	Lance C. Johnson (R)	LCJohnson@washingtoncountyar.gov
<u>District 2</u>	David Wilson (R)	
<u>District 3</u>	Sean Simons (R)	SSimons@washingtoncountyar.gov
<u>District 4</u>	Fred Anderson (R)	
<u>District 5</u>	Kyle Lyons (R)	
<u>District 6</u>	Lisa Ecke (R)	lecke@washingtoncountyar.gov
<u>District 7</u>	Charles T. Dean (R)	
<u>District 8</u>	Shawndra Washington (D)	SWashington@washingtoncountyar.gov

<u>District 9</u>	Beth Coger (D)	
District 10	Robert E Dennis (R)	rdennis@washingtoncountyar.gov
District 11	Suki Highers (D)	SHighers@washingtoncountyar.gov
District 12	Evelyn Rios Stafford (D)	_estafford@washingtoncountyar.gov
District 13	Willie Leming (R)	WLeming@washingtoncountyar.gov
District 14	Gary Ricker (R)	
District 15	Butch Pond (R)	<u>bpond@washingtoncountyar.gov</u>

Municipal Offices

Each city and incorporated town within Washington County will have non-partisan municipal positions up for election in 2024.

Mayor

- Responsibilities: The mayor is ex-officio president of the council. It is the mayor's
 responsibility to keep the city government running properly. This includes enforcing city
 ordinances and making sure that the residents receive maximum benefits and services
 for the taxes that they pay.
- Terms: Four yearsCompensation: VariesFiling Requirements:
 - o Age: 18

- o Residency: Must reside in the city/town
- Petition: Signatures of voters in municipality (30 first-class; 10 second-class/incorporated)

CITY MAYOR CITY CONTACT INFORMATION MAYOR ELECTED

Elkins Troy Reed https://elkins.arkansas.gov/ 2022

Elm Springs Harold D. Douthit https://www.elmsprings.net/ 2022

Farmington Ernie L. Penn https://www.cityoffarmingtonar.com/ 2022

Fayetteville Lioneld Jordan https://www.fayetteville-ar.gov/ 2020

Goshen Russell Stroud https://citvofgoshenar.net/ 2022

GreenlandJim Renfrow https://www.greenland-ar.com/ 2022

Johnson Chris Keeney https://cityofjohnson.com/ 2022

Lincoln Doug Hutchens https://www.lincolnarkansas.com/ 2022

Prairie Grove David Faulk https://www.prairiegrovearkansas.org/ 2022

Springdale Doug Sprouse https://www.springdalear.gov/ 2020

Tontitown Angela "Angie" Russell https://www.tontitown.com/ 2022

West Fork S. Heith Caudle https://www.westforkar.com/ 2022

Winslow Randy Jarnagan https://www.winslowar.com/ 2022

Council Member

- Responsibilities: Enact laws (ordinances) for the health, safety and welfare of the city not in conflict with the United States or the Arkansas state constitution.
- Terms: Two or Four years
- Compensation: Varies
- Filing Requirements:
 - o Age: 18
 - Residency: Must reside in the respective ward/town
 - Petition: Signatures of voters in ward

City Clerk, Clerk/Treasurer, or Recorder/Treasurer

• Responsibilities: Support record-keeping and checks and balances for the municipality.

Terms: Four yearsCompensation: VariesFiling Requirements:

o Age: 18

o Residency: Must reside in the city

Petition: Signatures of voters in ward (30 – first-class; 10 – second-class/incorporated)

City/Municipal Attorney

- Responsibilities: The city attorney provides legal counsel to the city and may draft resolutions and city ordinances. This attorney also attends all municipal meetings, working closely with the city administrator, mayor and council members.
- Terms: Four yearsCompensation: VariesFiling Requirements:

o Age: 18

- Regularly Licensed Attorney
- Residency: Must reside in the city/town
 - May be appointed position in municipalities with less than 2,500 residents
- Petition: Signatures of voters in ward (30 first-class; 10 second-class/incorporated)

School Board Offices

Most school board positions in Washington County will be up for election in March 2024 (Decatur, Gentry, Gravette, Pea Ridge, Rogers & Siloam Springs) or November 2024 (Washingtonville & NWACC).

School Board & NWACC Board of Trustees

- Responsibilities: School Board responsibilities for the school district they serve typically
 include: maintaining governance standards, managing the superintendent, encouraging
 ongoing education, reviewing policies, and reviewing district budgeting and finance.
- *Terms:* Typically, School Board is a five year term and NWACC Board of Trustees is a six year term. With redistricting, each seat will draw "straws" to determine term length (one to five years).
- Compensation: None unpaid position
- Filing Requirements:
 - o Age: 18
 - o Residency: Must reside in the district and electoral zone
 - Must NOT be an employee of the school district

Projected school board positions up for election in 2024:

ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS 2023	ZONES	SCHOOL BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION	MAP WITH ZONES
For complete School Election Information click here.			
Elkins School District #10	Zone 4	https://www.elkinsdistrict.org/294850_2	Elkins

Farmington School District #6	Zone 1	https://www.farmcards.org/page/school-board	<u>Farmington</u>
Fayetteville School District #1	At Large Position 2	https://district.fayar.net/o/fps/page/school-board-members	<u>Fayetteville</u>
Greenland School District #95	Zone 3, 4, 5 and At Large Position	https://www.greenlandsd.com/documents/state-required-info/board-of-education%2C-agendas-and-minutes/board-members/122623	Greenland
Lincoln School District #48	Zone 4	https://www.lincolncsd.com/152750_2	Lincoln
Prairie Grove School District #23	Zone 5	https://www.pgtigers.org/page/school-board4	Prairie Grove
Springdale School District #50	Zone 2 and At Large Position 2	https://www.sdale.org/page/school-board	<u>Springdale</u>
West Fork School District #141	Zone 1, 2 and 4	https://sites.google.com/wftigers.org/district/our-district/school-board-information	West Fork

What's next?

Considering running for office is a lofty undertaking. You will have to weigh the responsibilities not only of campaigning but actually serving if you are elected. First, you must determine which, if any, political office is appropriate for you.

No two campaigns are the same. In this guide, more than 40 local and state offices are described. Each district has its own characteristics, historic patterns, and voter profiles. The Democratic Party will offer training opportunities and support for your campaign. You need to start building a team, making a budget, developing a strategy to raise money, and creating a plan to reach voters using technology, mailers, and good old shoe leather. **Expect to raise most of the money to run your campaign yourself.** You can make this easier by doing preliminary work to get to know donors, build your support network, and grow your audience on digital platforms.

We will not win every election, but we will not win any election in which we do not field a candidate. No matter which of these types of offices you run for, your candidacy will play a part in creating a better community and more opportunities in NW Arkansas and the state as a whole.

So, what's next? It's time to run for something. Let us know how we can help in your decision-making process.

Democratic Party of Washington County Leadership

Chair - Lou Reed Sharp - chair@washcodemocrats.com Vice Chair - Billy Cook - vicechair@washcodemocrats.com Secretary - Caitlin Oxford - secretary@washcodemocrats.com Treasurer - Alexandra Paulsen - treasurer@washcodemocrats.com

Executive Committee Members

Development Director - currently vacant
Volunteer Director - Katherine Tipton
President, Senior Democrats - Brenda Gullett
Young Democrats Representative - Taylor McKinney
Director of Recruiting - Emily Sledge - recruiting@washcodemocrats.com
Data Director - EmmaLe Davis
Communications Director - Gracie Ziegler, Gracie also leads Candidate Training and Support and is the Democratic Party of Arkansas Vice Chair of Auxiallaries
Washington County Democratic Women, President - Ash Lee Hicks

Other Helpful Links:

- Check your voter registration and your districts: https://www.voterview.ar-nova.org/VoterView/RegistrantSearch.do
 Arkansas GIS office to review your districts: http://gis.arkansas.gov/viewer.php