



2026 REPUBLICAN QUALIFYING PROCESS

Dates	Hours Open	Location & Room #
Monday, March 2 nd	9:00am – 5:00pm	Georgia State Capitol
Tuesday, March 3 rd	8:00am – 5:00pm	206 Washington St
Wednesday, March 4 th	8:00am – 5:00pm	Atlanta, GA 30334
Thursday, March 5 th	8:00am – 5:00pm	Room 216
Friday, March 6 th	8:00am – 12:00pm	

Qualifying will take place at the State Capitol for the following Offices:

U.S. Senator	Public Service Commissioner – Districts 3 & 5
U.S. Representative	Commissioner of Agriculture
Governor	Commissioner of Insurance
Lieutenant Governor	Commissioner of Labor
Secretary of State	State Senator
Attorney General	State Representative
State School Superintendent	District Attorney

Website for SOS Election Candidate Qualifying Page: Click [HERE](#) for Website page.
Lots of helpful information available

Required Documents and Forms:

- Valid Government Issued Photo I.D. be presented at Check In Table and at the Notary Table:**
Driver's License or U.S. Passport
- Completed Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit:** *We have blanks if you did not complete the form*
 - Federal Candidates Click [HERE](#) for Declaration
 - State Candidates Click [HERE](#) for Declaration
 - GAGOP Oath We will provide the form when we notarize your paperwork
If you are sending a representative, please email karen@gagop.org to request the Oath form
- Form of Payment:** Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Money Order (*No Cash or Credit Cards accepted*)
Checks should be made payable to: **Georgia Republican Party, Inc**
- Qualifying Fees:** **

\$5,220.00 - U.S. Senator	\$3,934.70 - Public Service Commissioner
\$5,220.00 - U.S. Representative	\$3,911.82 - Commissioner of Insurance
\$5,549.78 - Governor	\$3,779.63 - Commissioner of Agriculture
\$3,048.28 - Lieutenant Governor	\$3,929.94 - Commissioner of Labor
\$3,859.11 - Secretary of State	\$ 400.00 - State Senator
\$4,475.07 - Attorney General	\$ 400.00 - State Representative
\$3,998.10 - State School Superintendent	\$3,974.19 - District Attorney

**** In the event that a candidate pays his or her qualifying fee with a check that is subsequently returned for insufficient funds, the Secretary of State shall automatically find that such candidate has not met the qualifications for holding the office being sought, unless the bank, credit union, or other financial institution returning the check certifies in writing by an officer's or director's oath that the bank, credit union, or financial institution erred in returning the check.**

5. **Qualifying In Person:** you **will** need to bring a completed Declaration of Candidacy & Affidavit. ***PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.*** If you do not bring one, you will be able to complete one at the Check In station. You do not need to have it pre-notarized, we will have notaries on site at qualifying.
6. **Qualifying by a Representative:** You must send an email to karen@gagop.org to notify her that you will be sending a representative to file your qualifying paperwork on your behalf. You will need to bring the signed representative letter by the candidate authorizing you to file on their behalf along with both the Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit and the Georgia Republican Party Oath Statement both completed in full, signed and notarized and a check for the qualifying fee.

Stations – 3 Step Process:

1. **Check In:** Present your Government issued photo I.D., Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit Form and Check made Payable to Georgia Republican Party for correct qualifying fee. We will verify your voter registration in SOS software and enter your data into the software. If you did not bring a completed Declaration, we will have you complete it while you are at the check in desk. We will then print a summary report for you to review and sign.
 - * *Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit – completed, **Do Not Sign until you are in front of a Notary***
 - * *Summary Print Out page - signed*
2. **Notary:** You will sign all documents in front of the notary and have them notarized. You will also present your check to pay the qualifying fee to confirm correct amount:
 - * *Present Government issued photo I.D.*
 - * *Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit*
 - * *Georgia Republican Party Oath*
 - * *Pay Qualifying Fee*
3. **Copier:** You will receive a photocopy of all your documents and your check for your qualifying fee.

GA Secretary of State Website: Go to www.sos.ga.gov before you leave the Capitol to confirm your name appears as a qualified candidate.

State Ethics: If you are a new candidate for the first time, please stop by the State Ethics table outside of the doors in the hallway for information on registering with them. ***Before accepting or expending campaign funds you must file a Declaration of Intent (DOI) with the State Ethics.***
Please click [HERE](#) for more information and the online filing form.

If you have any questions, please email Karen Hentschel at the Georgia Republican Party – karen@gagop.org