

Local Candidate Training: Filing & Compliance Essentials

Hennepin County will be hosting a local candidate training that is open to all county, city, and school district candidates and treasurers within Hennepin County.

Date: Thursday, April 9, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Format: Virtual (link provided upon registration)

Overview

Running for local office comes with important responsibilities. This training is designed to equip candidates and treasurers with accurate, accessible information on campaign finance reporting, candidate filing requirements, and election compliance. Whether you're a first-time candidate or running for another term, this session will help you navigate the process confidently and avoid common pitfalls.

What You'll Learn

Campaign Finance Reporting

- Who must file and the \$750 threshold
- When reports are due in election vs. non-election years
- What information is required and how to complete the report form
- Where and how to file reports with local offices
- Bookkeeping basics
- How to properly close your campaign committee

Candidate Filing Requirements

- Filing periods and deadlines
- Affidavit of Candidacy and withdrawal process
- Filing fees and materials
- Certification of filing

Fair Campaign Practices

- Key provisions under M.S. 211B (access, materials, conduct, election day rules)

Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) Compliance

- Requirements for Metropolitan Government Unit candidates

Resources & Tools

Why Attend?

- Reduce filing errors and ensure compliance
- Gain practical tips for managing campaign finances
- Access updated resources and tools

Who Should Attend?

Local candidates and anyone involved in campaign reporting within Hennepin County.

Registration

Advance registration is required. The virtual meeting link will be provided upon registration.

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/g/g7TaeF6HuG>