



Ohio and Federal Contribution Limits, Campaign Finance Reporting Calendars and Lobbyist Reporting Deadlines

OHIO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS (effective through February 24, 2025)

From To Per Election Period unless otherwise footnoted	INDIVIDUAL Must be 7 years of age or older	PACs PCEs	COUNTY PARTY State Candidate Fund	COUNTY PARTY Other Account ⁸	STATE PARTY State Candidate Fund	LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGN FUND	CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (includes local)
Statewide	\$15,499.69	\$15,499.69	\$387,492.30 ¹²	\$3,874.92 ⁹	\$874,182.62 ⁷	PROHIBITED	\$15,499.69
Senate	\$15,499.69	\$15,499.69	\$15,499.69 ¹ \$174,371.53 ²	\$3,874.92 ⁹	\$174,371.53 ⁷	\$86,798.27 ⁶ \$174,371.53 ⁶	\$15,499.69
House	\$15,499.69	\$15,499.69	\$15,499.69 ¹ \$86,798.27 ²	\$3,874.92 ⁹	\$76,744.72 ⁷	\$39,751.79 ⁶ \$86,798.27 ⁶	\$15,499.69
State Party State Candidate Fund	\$46,499.08 ⁹	\$46,499.08 ³	No Limit	PROHIBITED	No Limit	No Limit	\$46,499.08 ³
Legislative Campaign Fund	\$23,249.54 ⁷	\$23,249.54 ³	No Limit	PROHIBITED	No Limit	PROHIBITED	\$23,249.54 ³
County Party State Candidate Fund	\$15,499.69 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	No Limit	No Limit	\$15,499.69 ⁴
PACs/PCEs	\$15,499.69 ³	\$15,499.69 ¹³	\$15,499.69 ¹¹	\$15,499.69 ¹¹	\$15,499.69 ¹¹	PROHIBITED	\$15,499.69 ³

This chart is intended to be a general guide and does not include every statutory provision relating to contribution limits.

¹These limits apply to contributions given to a campaign committee which is not a 'designated state campaign committee'.

²These limits apply to cash or cash equivalents, not in-kind. The campaign committee of a House or a Senate candidate which is a 'designated state campaign committee' may accept, in aggregate, from any one or a combination of state candidate funds of county political parties \$77,498.46 and \$155,051.32, respectively, in an election period.

³These limits are per calendar year.

⁴This limit is per calendar year and may only be made if the campaign committee's candidate will appear on a ballot in that county or is an officeholder representing any part of that county.

⁵These limits are per calendar year and do not apply to contributions given by a 'designated state campaign committee'.

⁶These limits apply to cash or cash equivalents, not in-kind. The smaller limit is for the Primary election period and the larger limit is for the General election period.

⁷These limits apply to cash or cash equivalents, not in-kind.

⁸These limits apply to political parties in counties having a population of less than 150,000 which do not establish a State Candidate Fund. 'Other Account' does not include a Restricted Fund.

⁹Recipients of county party non-State Candidate Fund contributions must be campaign committees for statewide candidates or a 'designated state campaign committee.'

¹⁰This limit is per calendar year. Contributions to a County Party SCF are restricted to individuals residing in the county or 'designated state campaign committees' of the County Party SCF.

¹¹These limits are per calendar year and apply to the aggregate of contributions given by the National, State, and County level of a political party.

¹²A campaign committee for a statewide candidate may accept not more than this amount, in aggregate, from any one or a combination of state candidate funds of county political parties in an election period.

¹³This limit is per calendar year and does not apply to contributions made to or received by one or more PACs that are affiliated.

2024 STATE OF OHIO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING CALENDAR*

Report Type	Due Date	Reporting Period
2023 Annual ¹	January 31, 2024	Through December 31, 2023
Pre-Primary	March 7, 2024	Through February 28, 2024
Post-Primary	April 26, 2024	Through April 19, 2024
Semiannual ²	July 31, 2024	Through June 30, 2024
Pre-General	October 24, 2024	Through October 16, 2024
Post-General	December 13, 2024	Through December 6, 2024
2024 Annual	January 31, 2025	Through December 31, 2024

¹R.C. 3517.10(A)(3) The 2023 annual is not required of any filing entity for which a 2023 post-general is required.

²R.C. 3517.10(A)(3) Requires the semiannual to be filed by statewide and county candidates in non-election years and completely exempts all judicial candidates.

* For statewide candidates only, monthly reports are required to be filed to report contributions received during the months of July, August, and September. These reports must be filed no later than three business days after the last day of the month covered by the statement.

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2021 AND SUBSEQUENT ELECTION CYCLES OHIO JUDICIAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Court	Individual		Organization		Political Party	
	Primary*	General	Primary*	General	Primary*	General
Supreme Court	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$203,900	\$373,900
Court of Appeals	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$40,800	\$81,700
Common Pleas, Municipal and County Court	\$650	\$650	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$40,800	\$81,700
County Court with a population of 750,000 or less	\$650	\$650	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$34,000	\$67,900

*Please note that primary limits apply only if the judicial candidate has a contested primary. If there is no contested primary, the general election limits apply throughout the permissible fundraising period.

2023-2024 FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Donors	Candidate Committee	PAC ¹ (SSF-Nonconnected)	State/District/Local Party Committee	National Party Committee	National Party Committee Accounts ²
Individual	\$3,300* per election	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$41,300* per year	\$123,900* per account, per year
Candidate Committee	\$2,000 per election	\$5,000 per year	Unlimited transfers	Unlimited transfers	
PAC Multicandidate	\$5,000 per election	\$5,000 per year	\$5,000 per year (combined)	\$15,000 per year	\$45,000 per account, per year
PAC Nonmulticandidate	\$3,300* per election	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$41,300* per year	\$123,900* per account, per year
State/District/Local/ Party Committee	\$5,000 per election (combined)	\$5,000 per year (combined)	Unlimited transfers	Unlimited transfers	
National Party Committee	\$5,000 per election ³	\$5,000 per year	Unlimited transfers	Unlimited transfers	

* Indexed for inflation in odd-numbered years.

¹ "PAC" here refers to a committee that makes contributions to other federal political committees. Independent-expenditure-only political committees (sometimes called "Super PACs") may accept unlimited contributions, including from corporations and labor organizations.

² The limits in this column apply to a national party committee's accounts for: (i) the presidential nominating convention; (ii) election recounts and contests and other legal proceedings; and (iii) national party headquarters buildings. A party's national committee, Senate campaign committee and House campaign committee are each considered separate national party committees with separate limits. Only a national party committee, not the parties' national congressional campaign committees, may have an account for the presidential nominating convention.

³ Additionally, a national party committee and its Senatorial campaign committee may contribute up to \$57,800 combined per campaign to each Senate candidate. 110.2(e).

2024 FEDERAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT CALENDAR FOR PACS*

Report	Close of books	Filing deadline**
Year-End 2023	December 31, 2023	January 31, 2024
April Quarterly	March 31, 2024	April 14, 2024
July Quarterly	June 30, 2024	July 15, 2024
October Quarterly	September 30, 2024	October 15, 2024
Pre-General	October 16, 2024	October 24, 2024
Post-General	November 25, 2024	December 5, 2024
Year-End 2024	December 31, 2024	January 31, 2025

* During a non-election year, committees that file quarterly during election years automatically switch to a semi-annual reporting schedule.

** Check the [FEC website](https://www.fec.gov) to ensure you know the filing frequency for your PAC.

***If there is a special election, please refer to FEC website for additional reporting requirements.

2024 OHIO LOBBYIST/EMPLOYER OF LOBBYISTS REPORTING CALENDAR

Report Type	Due Date	Reporting Period
January–April 2024	May 31, 2024	January 1–April 30, 2024
May–August 2024	September 30, 2024	May 1–August 31, 2024
September–December 2024	January 31, 2025	September 1–December 31, 2024

*If a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the next business day.

FEDERAL LOBBYIST REPORTING CALENDAR

Report Type	Due Date	Reporting Dates/ Period
Quarterly Activity Reports	April 22, 2024 First Quarter	January 1–March 31, 2024
	July 22, 2024 Second Quarter	April 1–June 30, 2024
	October 21, 2024 Third Quarter	July 1–September 30, 2024
	January 21, 2025 Fourth Quarter	October 1–December 31, 2024
Contribution Reports	July 30, 2024 Mid-Year	January 1–June 30, 2024
	January 30, 2025 Year-End	July 1–December 31, 2024

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