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Campaign Finance Duties of National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Members

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This document provides an overview of campaign finance information filed with the 22 NASS member offices that have campaign finance responsibilities.* Links are provided to the state websites that allow public viewing of campaign finance reports. The information is based on a February 2010 review of campaign finance resources available on Secretary of State websites and is subject to change. This is not an exhaustive list of every campaign finance form/document filed with the office. The precise definitions of different political committees/entities and the content of campaign finance forms may vary by state. This information is not intended to serve as a reference for individuals or entities seeking guidance on the appropriate forms to file. Questions about this information, including the potential impact of any new laws and/or court decisions, should be directed to individual state offices. Contact information is available on the NASS website at www.nass.org.

State	Offices Filing	Information Filed by Candidates	Committees/Entities Filing	Information Filed by Committees/Entities	Online Filing/Search
Alabama	- Statewide - State Legislative - Circuit - District	- Campaign committee appointment - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political committees - Political associations - Political parties - Political committees	- Statement of organization - Contribution & expenditure reports	Online search
Arizona	- Statewide - State Legislative	- Statement of organization - Financial disclosure statement - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Ballot measure committees - Independent expenditure committees - Political parties - Political organizations - Separate segregated fund committees	- Statement of organization - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search
Arkansas	- Statewide - State Legislative	- Statement of financial interest - Contribution & expenditure reports - Exploratory committee registration	- Political action committees - Political parties - Independent expenditure committees	- Committee registration - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search
California	- Statewide - State legislative	- Campaign intention statement - Recipient committee organization - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Ballot measure committees - State general purpose committees - State major donor committees - Political action committees - Independent expenditure committees - Slate mailer committees - Issue advocacy communication entities	- Statement of organization - Recipient committee organization - Independent expenditure report - Electronic issue advocacy report	- Online filing - Online search
Colorado	- Statewide - State legislative	- Candidate committee registration - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political committees - Political parties - 527 organizations - Political action committees - Issue committees - Small donor committees - Electioneering communication entities - Independent expenditure entities	- Committee registration - Contribution & expenditure reports - Electioneering communication reports - Notice of independent expenditures	- Online filing - Online search
Florida	- Statewide - State legislative - District	- Appointment of campaign treasurer - State office solicitation statement - Gov & Cabinet public finance request - Contribution and expenditure reports	- Political action committees - Committee of continuous existence - Party executive committee - Electioneering communication entities - Independent expenditure entities	- Statement of organization - Application for continuous existence - Appointment of treasurer - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search
Idaho	- Statewide - State legislative - District	- Appointment of political treasurer - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political Committees - Political associations - Political parties - Independent expenditure entities - Electioneering communication entities - Nonbusiness entities	- Appointment of political treasurer - Contribution & expenditure reports - Independent expenditure reports - Electioneering communication reports - Statement by a nonbusiness entity	Online search

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Indiana	- Statewide - State legislative	- Statement of organization - Contribution & expenditure reports - Large contribution reports	- Political parties - Political action committees - Legislative caucus committees	- Statement of organization - Notice of contribution to candidates - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search
Kansas	- Statewide - State legislative - District	- Appointment of candidate committee - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political parties - Political action committees	- Statement of organization - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search
Michigan	- Statewide - State legislative - Circuit - District	- Statement of organization	- Political and independent committees - Independent expenditure entities - Ballot question committees - Party and caucus committees	- Statement of organization - Contribution & expenditure reports - Independent expenditure report	- Online filing - Online search

Mississippi	- Statewide
	- State legislative
	- District
		- Candidate committee statement
		- Contribution & expenditure reports
		- 48 hour notice of contributions
			- Political Committees
			  - Political action committees
			  - Political parties
			  - Political associations
			- Independent expenditure entities
				- Statement of organization
				- Contribution & expenditure reports
				- Independent expenditure reports
					- Online search

Nevada	- Statewide - State legislative - District	- Financial disclosure reports - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political action committees - Political parties - Ballot advocacy groups - Recall committees - Independent expenditure entities	- Political action committee registration - Ballot advocacy statement - Non-profit corporation registration	- Online filing - Online search
New Hampshire	- Statewide - State legislative - District	- Financial disclosure statements - Candidate committee registration - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political action committees	- Political action committee registration - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search

New Mexico	- Statewide
	- State legislative
	- District
		- Financial disclosure statements
		- Contribution & expenditure reports
			- Political Committees
			  - Political action committees
			  - Political corporations
			  - Political associations
				- Political action committee registration
				- Contribution & expenditure reports
					- Online filing
					- Online search

North Dakota	- Statewide - State legislative - District	- Candidate committee registration - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political parties - Political action committees - Multi-candidate committees - Measure committees - Direct expenditure entities - 527 organizations	- Political action committee registration - Multi-candidate committee registration - Measure committee registration - Building fund statement - Contribution & expenditure statements	- Online search
Ohio	- Statewide - State legislative	- Designation of treasurer - Two business day statements - Statement of other income - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political parties - Political action committees - Legislative campaign funds - Electioneering communication entities - Independent expenditure entities	- Designation of treasurer - Party statement of restricted funds - Notice of electioneering communication - Statement of other income - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search
Pennsylvania	- Statewide - State legislative - District - Local judicial	- Authorization of political committee - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political committees - Political action committees - Business entities - Independent expenditure entities	- Registration statement - Non-bid contract reporting form - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search
South Dakota	- Statewide - State legislative - Circuit	- Statement of organization - Statement of financial interest	- Political action committees - Political party - Independent expenditure entities - Ballot question committees	- Statement of organization - Communication statement - Ballot question contribution statement - County party treasurer certification	- Online search
Utah	- Statewide - State legislative	- Statement of organization - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political action committees - Political issue committees - Political parties - Corporations	- Statement of organization - Contribution & expenditure reports - Corporate expenditure report	- Online filing - Online search

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Vermont	- Statewide - State legislative	- Bank and treasurer designation form - Public finance affidavits (Gov/Lt.Gov)	- Political committees - Political action committees - Political party - Electioneering communication entities	- Bank and treasurer designation form - Mass media electioneering reports - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online search
West Virginia	- Statewide - Legislative - District	- Precandidacy registration form - Designation of treasurer - Campaign financial statement - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political action committee - Independent expenditure entities - Party executive committee - 527 organizations - Electioneering communication entities - Fund disbursement entities	- Statement of organization - Contribution & expenditure reports - Campaign financial statement - Independent expenditure reports - Electioneering communication reports - Fund disbursement report	- Online filing - Online search
Wyoming	- Statewide	- Statement of formation - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Political action committees - Political organizations - Political parties	- Statement of formation - Contribution & expenditure reports	- Online filing - Online search

- The NASS member offices with campaign finance filing responsibilities include 21 Secretaries of State and 1 Lieutenant Governor (Utah).