

# Campaign Finance for Candidates in Yates County

Revised for 2023

In New York State, candidates must comply with state election law which requires them to make disclosure of campaign expenditures, contributions and contributors. The intent is to create a fair election that is not “bought” by special interest groups.

All candidates for offices in the Village of Penn Yan, the towns and the county must contact the State Board of Elections Campaign Finance Unit and register as a candidate.

Note: All of the forms listed below are fillable; however, original signatures are required. Complete the required form, print, sign and mail it. The State BOE cannot accept any kind of digital or Adobe generated signatures.

Go to: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/CFaboutWebBasedEFS.html>. On this site you will find links to the EFS Website, to training seminars and the campaign finance guide.

This is the website connection to the CF-05 that:

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/finance/cf05.pdf>

- Every local town candidate must file with the state. Select E that says the candidate will spend less than \$1000
- Every County candidate must file with the state if they are going to spend less than \$50.

This form, CF-04 is used by County candidates who are going to spend more than \$50 and run their OWN SELF-ADMINISTERED campaign.

<https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/finance/cf04.pdf>

This form, CF-02, is used by County candidates who are going to raise and spend funds through a COMMITTEE.

[https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/finance/cf02\\_type1.pdf](https://www.elections.ny.gov/NYSBOE/download/finance/cf02_type1.pdf)

- These three forms above must be mailed to the state. The Campaign Finance office will open an account, and if appropriate, the NYS Board of

Elections will send you a Filer ID# and an email to set up your user log in for the Electronic Filing System (EFS) Web Application.

The committee treasurer will file an additional form, CF-16.

Once you register, most of you will file No-Activity Reports, CF-01, electronically as you are spending nothing or are eligible for a low limit of expenditures by virtue of your small town population. The periodic reporting is primarily for candidates who spend a large amount to win the election, or are running for multi-town or county-wide offices.

There are other helpful links on the left of the state's web page.

As usual, if you have any problems or need assistance contact us at the Yates County Board of Elections and we will help.