



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

OHIO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS (effective through February 24, 2019)

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	\$12,707.79	\$12,707.79	\$317,694.81 ¹²	\$3,176.95 ⁹	\$716,719.49 ⁷	PROHIBITED	\$12,707.79
Senate	\$12,707.79	\$12,707.79	\$12,707.79 ¹ \$142,962.66 ²	\$3,176.95 ⁹	\$142,962.66 ⁷	\$71,163.64 ⁶ \$142,962.66 ⁶	\$12,707.79
House	\$12,707.79	\$12,707.79	\$12,707.79 ¹ \$71,163.64 ²	\$3,176.95 ⁹	\$71,163.64 ⁷	\$36,860.93 ⁶ \$71,163.64 ⁶	\$12,707.79
State Party State Candidate Fund	\$38,123.38 ³	\$38,123.38 ³	No Limit	PROHIBITED	No Limit	No Limit	\$38,123.38 ⁵
Legislative Campaign Fund	\$19,061.69 ³	\$19,061.69 ³	No Limit	PROHIBITED	No Limit	PROHIBITED	\$19,061.69 ⁵
County Party State Candidate Fund	\$12,707.79 ¹⁰	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	PROHIBITED	No Limit	No Limit	\$12,707.79 ⁴
PACs/PCEs	\$12,707.79 ³	\$12,707.79 ¹³	\$12,707.79 ¹¹	\$12,707.79 ¹¹	\$12,707.79 ¹¹	PROHIBITED	\$12,707.79 ³

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

- ¹ These limits apply to contributions given to a campaign committee which is not a 'designated state campaign committee.'
- ² These 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 \$63,538.96 and \$127,122.53, respectively, in an election period.
- ³ These limits are per calendar year.
- ⁴ This 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.
- ⁵ These limits are per calendar year and do not apply to contributions given by a 'designated state campaign committee.'
- ⁶ These 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.
- ⁷ These limits apply to cash or cash equivalents, not in-kind.
- ⁸ These limits apply to political parties in counties having a population of less than 150,000 that do not establish a State Candidate Fund. 'Other Account' does not include an account that contains moneys received from the Ohio Political Party Fund (Restricted Fund).
- ⁹ Recipients of county party non-State Candidate Fund contributions must be campaign committees for statewide candidates or a 'designated state campaign committee.'
- ¹⁰ This 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.
- ¹¹ These limits are per calendar year and apply to the aggregate of contributions given by the national, state and county level of a political party.
- ¹² A 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.
- ¹³ This limit is per calendar year and does not apply to contributions made to or received by one or more PACs that are affiliated.

2018 STATE OF OHIO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING CALENDAR

Report Type	Due Date	Reporting Period
Pre-Primary	April 26, 2018	Through April 18, 2018
Post-Primary	June 15, 2018	Through June 8, 2018
Semiannual	July 31, 2018	Through June 30, 2018
Pre-General	October 25, 2018	Through October 17, 2018
Post-General	December 14, 2018	Through December 7, 2018
2018 Annual	January 31, 2019	Through December 31, 2018

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OHIO JUDICIAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Court	Individual		Organization		Political Party	
	Primary	General	Primary	General	Primary	General
Supreme Court	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$189,500	\$347,600
Court of Appeals	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$37,900	\$75,900
Common Pleas, Municipal and County Court	\$600	\$600	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$37,900	\$75,900
Court with a population of 750,000 or less	\$600	\$600	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$31,600	\$63,600

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.

2017–2018 FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Donors	Candidate Committee	PAC ¹ (SSF-Nonconnected)	State/District/Local Party Committee	National Party Committee	Additional National Party Committee Accounts ²
Individual	\$2,700* per election	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$33,900* per year	\$101,700* 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	\$2,700 per election	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$33,900* per year	\$101,700* 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 PACs. Independent-expenditure-only PACs, 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 building. 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 \$47,000 combined per campaign to each Senate candidate.

2018 FEDERAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORT CALENDAR FOR PACS

Report Type	Due Date
Quarterly Reports	April 15, July 15 and October 15, 2018; January 31, 2019
Pre- and Post-Election Reports	October 25 (depending on activity) and December 6, 2018
Special Election Reports* (12th Congressional District)	April 26, July 26, and September 6, 2018

2018 OHIO LOBBYIST/EMPLOYER OF LOBBYISTS REPORTING CALENDAR

Report Type	Due Date	Reporting Period
January–April 2018	May 31, 2018	January 1–April 30, 2018
May–August 2018	October 2, 2018	May 1–August 31, 2018
September–December 2018	January 31, 2019	September 1–December 31, 2018

* Federal PACs contributing to candidates seeking to fill the vacancy created by Representative Tiberi's resignation are encouraged to work closely with their FEC analysts in 2018 to ensure compliance with all Special Election filing requirements.

FEDERAL LOBBYIST REPORTING CALENDAR

Report Type	Due Date	Reporting Dates/Period
Quarterly Activity Reports	April 20, 2018 First Quarter	January 1–March 31, 2018
	July 20, 2018 Second Quarter	April 1–June 30, 2018
	October 20, 2018 Third Quarter	July 1–September 30, 2018
	January 22, 2019 Fourth Quarter	October 1–December 31, 2018
Contribution Reports	July 31, 2018 Mid-Year	January 1–June 30, 2018
	January 30, 2019 Year-End	July 1–December 31, 2018

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