

**QUALIFICATIONS WRITE-IN/INDEPENDENT/POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES
NONPARTISAN ELECTION - MAY 21, 2024
GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES O.C.G.A §21-2-133

Any person wishing to be a write-in candidate for these offices must file their notice to be a write-in candidate as prescribed below:

WHICH OFFICES IN ROCKDALE COUNTY ARE ELIGIBLE AS A WRITE-IN?	<p><u>PARTISAN OFFICES 11/5/24</u> Chief Magistrate Judge Clerk of Superior Court Coroner County Commission Chair and County Commissioner Post 1 Judge of Probate Court Sheriff Tax Commissioner</p> <p><u>NONPARTISAN OFFICE 5/21/24</u> Board of Education, Posts 1-5</p> <p>Notice of Intent to be a write-in candidate for one of these offices must be published in the Rockdale Citizen Newspaper (official organ of Rockdale County)</p>
WHAT TO FILE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy Form 2. Affidavit of publication which shall include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Statement confirming that the notice has been published b. Date published c. Name of Newspaper 3. Copy of Notice of Intent to be a write-in candidate <i>as published</i> in Rockdale County Citizen Newspaper. <p>Affidavit can be made by: (1) Write-In Candidate; (2) Publisher of Newspaper; or (3) Employee of the newspaper designated by the publisher.</p>
WHEN TO FILE:	<p><u>FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICES - Jan. 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024</u> <u>FOR PARTISAN OFFICES - Jan. 1, 2024 – Sept. 3, 2024</u></p> <p>The following shall be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Notice of Intention of Write-In Candidacy Form with Election Superintendent (2) Publish notice of intention to be a write-in candidate in county legal organ (Rockdale Citizen Newspaper). <p><u>FOR NONPARTISAN OFFICES - January 1, 2024 – March 20, 2024</u> <u>FOR PARTISAN OFFICES - January 1, 2024 - Sept. 9, 2024</u></p> <p>The following shall be filed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Affidavit of Publication and (2) Copy of Notice of Intent of Write-In as published in the Rockdale Citizen Newspaper.
WHERE TO FILE:	<p>FOR LOCAL ROCKDALE COUNTY ELECTED OFFICES ROCKDALE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE, 1115 WEST AVE, SW, CONYERS, 30012, (770) 278.7333</p> <p>FOR FEDERAL OR STATE ELECTED OFFICE: - SECRETARY OF STATES OFFICE, (404) 656-2871</p>

NOMINATION PETITIONS - FOR INDEPENDENT OR POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES O.C.G.A. §21-2-132 & 21-2-170

FILE NOTICE OF CANDIDACY (§21-2-132): Any person desiring to run as an INDEPENDENT or POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATE may file their Notice of Candidacy from **9 a.m., March 4, 2024 thru Noon, March 8, 2024** (candidates for a federal or state office must file with the Secretary of State Office).

AND

FILE NOMINATION PETITION (§21-2-170): Any person desiring to run as an INDEPENDENT or POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATE may file their Nomination Petition from **9 a.m., June 24, 2024 thru Noon, July 9, 2024.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A NOMINATION PETITION OR QUALIFYING PETITION FOR ROCKDALE COUNTY OFFICES, PLEASE REFER TO THE 2024 QUALIFYING INFORMATION SHEET; PAGES 3 AND 4 (INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED). FOR STATE OFFICES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE, (404) 656-2871.



ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

2024 QUALIFYING INFORMATION

COST TO RUN FOR OFFICE

In accordance with Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-131 (a)(1) (A) and (1) (B), the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners will set qualifying fees for county offices to be elected by Rockdale County voters in 2024, no later than February 1, 2024.

Such Qualifying fees shall be set as follows:

County Commission Chair County Commission Post 1	The Qualifying Fee shall be set at 3% of the base salary as specified by law, excluding supplements for training and cost of living increases.
Clerk of Superior Court Tax Commissioner Sheriff Chief Magistrate Judge Judge of Probate Court	The Qualifying Fee shall be set at 3% of the minimum salary as specified by law, excluding supplements, cost of living increases, and longevity increases.
County Board of Education Posts 1 -5 Coroner	The Qualifying fee shall be set at a rate determined by the Governing Authority for non-salaried offices. Such fee shall be reasonable and not exceed three percent (3%) of income derived from such county office by the person holding the office for the preceding year.

WHEN TO QUALIFY

PARTISAN CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE MAY 21, 2024 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT: In accordance with Ga. Election Code § 21-2-153, candidates seeking nomination for the following offices shall file their Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit with the appropriate county's political party (Rockdale County Democratic or Republican Party),

The Qualifying Period is 9:00 a.m., March 4, 2024 and ending Noon, March 8, 2024.

PARTISAN OFFICES
County Commission Chairman and County Commissioner Post 1
Chief Magistrate Judge and Judge of Probate Court
Clerk of Superior Court; Tax Commissioner; Sheriff and Coroner

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NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES APPEARING ON THE MAY 21, 2024 NONPARTISAN ELECTION BALLOT: Candidates seeking nomination for the following nonpartisan offices shall file their Notice of Candidacy in the office of the Election Superintendent (Rockdale County Elections Office) **beginning, 9:00 a.m., March 4, 2024 and ending Noon, March 8, 2024.**

NON-PARTISAN OFFICE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
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Rockdale Board of Education, Posts 1-5
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WHERE TO QUALIFY

QUALIFYING LOCATIONS

A. PARTISAN CANDIDATES: NOTE – the qualifying period for partisan candidates is **9:00 a.m. March 4, 2024 through Noon March 8, 2024**

Party Nominee: Georgia Election Code, Section 21-2-153, candidates for party nomination for County Offices shall qualify by filing their Declaration of Candidacy and Affidavit and pay such qualifying fees with:

For Democratic Party
County Offices:

**DEMOCRATIC PARTY (ROCKDALE COUNTY)
TO BE DETERMINED
Phone: (678) 609-3518
Email: chair@rockdaledems.org**

For Republican Party
County Offices:

**REPUBLICAN PARTY (ROCKDALE COUNTY)
TO BE DETERMINED
Phone: (678) 524-6159
Email: chairman@rockdalegop.com**

B. NONPARTISAN CANDIDATES: For Nonpartisan Candidates running for a local Rockdale County Office Only.

The qualifying period is 9:00 a.m. March 4, 2024 through Noon March 8, 2024

Non-Partisan: Georgia Election Code, Section 21-2-132, candidates seeking nonpartisan County Offices shall qualify by filing their Notice of Candidacy and Pay such qualifying fees with:

**ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE
1115 WEST AVENUE, SW
CONYERS, GEORGIA 30012
(770) 278-7333**

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C. INDEPENDENT AND POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES: Georgia Election Code Sections 21-2-132(d)(3) and 21-2-170. An Independent or Political Body Candidate for County Office:

1. Must file a Notice of Candidacy between 9 a.m., March 4, 2024 and Noon, March 8, 2024
2. Pay the required qualifying fee or file a Pauper's affidavit. If filing a pauper's affidavit, candidate must also file a qualifying petition at the time of qualifying.
3. Must file a Nomination Petition between June 24, 2024 and Noon July 9, 2024 with the Board of Elections Office at the address indicated below (GA Election Code §21-21-132(e)). Please refer to page 4 for the number of signatures required for a Nomination Petition.

Rockdale County Elections Office
1115 WEST AVENUE, SW
Conyers, Georgia 30012
Phone: (770) 278-7333

The Nomination Petition must be signed by **five percent of the registered voters eligible to vote in the last election held for such office** the candidate is seeking. ***A Nomination Petition may be circulated within 180 days of the last day the Nomination Petition may be filed (last day to file a nomination petition is July 9, 2024).*** Refer to the chart on page 4 for the number of signatures required for a Nomination Petition (21-2-170).

QUALIFYING UNDER A PAUPERS AFFIDAVIT:

Pauper's Affidavit: In accordance with Georgia Election Code, Sections 21-2-153 (a.1)(1), 21-2-132(g), AT the time of qualifying, candidates may qualify by filing a pauper's affidavit in lieu of paying the required qualifying fee.

1. Must complete Notice of Candidacy
2. Must complete a Paupers Affidavit
3. Must submit a completed Qualifying Petition at the time of qualifying, signed by one percent of the total number of voters eligible to vote in the last election for filling of the office for which the candidate is qualifying. Refer to the Chart on page 4 for the number of signatures required for a Qualifying Petition.
4. The Paupers affidavit, Notice of Candidacy and Qualifying Petition must be filed at time of qualifying. The Qualifying petition may be circulated within 180 days of the last day the qualifying petition may be filed.



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SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR PAUPER'S, INDEPENDENT AND POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES			
PARTISAN CANDIDATES – LAST GENERAL ELECTION HELD 11/3/2020			
OFFICE SOUGHT	ELIGIBLE REGISTERED VOTERS AS OF THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION HELD TO FILL SUCH OFFICE	PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT QUALIFYING PETITION 1% SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR A PAUPER'S AFFIDAVIT (1% OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE LAST ELECTION TO FILL SUCH OFFICE) <i><u>MUST BE FILED AT TIME OF QUALIFYING</u></i>	NOMINATION PETITION 5% SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR INDEPENDENT OR POLITICAL BODY CANDIDATES (5% OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN THE 11/3/2020 GENERAL ELECTION)
Clerk of Superior Court	65,488	655	3,275
Coroner	65,488	655	3,275
County Commission Chair	65,488	655	3,275
County Commissioner, Post 1	65,488	655	3,275
Magistrate Judge	65,488	655	3,275
Judge of Probate Court	65,488	655	3,275
Sheriff	65,488	655	3,275
Tax Commissioner	65,488	655	3,275
NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES – LAST GENERAL ELECTION HELD 6/9/2020			
County Board of Education Posts 1-5	62,618	627	NOT ELIGIBLE <i>THIS IS A NONPARTISAN SEAT</i>