

## School Candidates

### Candidate Finance Report Calendar

#### May 5, 2026 election

**Report form C-5 must be filed for each reporting period** to disclose all transactions, if any that occurred during the specific reporting period. [MCA 13-37-226\(3\)](#)

Filing Deadline	Reporting Period
<b>March 6, 2026</b> (60 days prior to school election date)	Date of first contribution through 3/1/2026
<b>March 31, 2026</b> (35 days prior to school election date)	March 2 through March 26, 2026
<b>April 15 - May 4</b> (C7 & C7E reporting period)	File form <b>C-7</b> within 2 business day if a <b>\$470 contribution</b> from a single source is received between 4/15 & 5/4/26  File form <b>C-7E</b> within 2 business days if an <b>expenditure</b> of <b>\$470</b> or more is made between April 15 and May 4
<b>April 23, 2026</b> (60 days prior to school election date)	March 27th through April 18, 2026
<b>May 25, 2026</b> (20 days after school election)	April 20 through May 20, 2026
<a href="#">13-37-206. Exception for certain school districts and certain special districts, MCA</a>	Exception For Certain School Districts And Certain Special Districts
<a href="https://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/School%20Finance/Elections/Other%20Information/2026%20Districts%20Required%20to%20Report%20Campaign%20Finance%20Activity.pdf?ver=2026-01-06-154712-967">https://opi.mt.gov/Portals/182/Page%20Files/School%20Finance/Elections/Other%20Information/2026%20Districts%20Required%20to%20Report%20Campaign%20Finance%20Activity.pdf?ver=2026-01-06-154712-967</a>	Link to the left -- 2026 Districts required to report campaign finance activity

(3) In addition to the reports required by subsections (1), (2), and (4), if a candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee participates in a special election, the candidate, political committee, or joint fundraising committee shall file reports as follows:

- (a) a report on the 60th, 35th, and 12th days preceding the date of the special election; and
- (b) 20 days after the special election.

Reference 13-37-226(1)(e) for additional reporting dates:

(e) semiannually on the 10th day of March and September, starting in the year following an election in which the candidate participates until the candidate files a closing report as specified in **13-37-228(3)**; and