

Write-In Candidate Information

Candidate Names

The Blair County Board of Elections recommends that all write-in candidates provide cards or slips of paper to voters with the candidate's name clearly printed (name listed as registered). It is also recommended that the candidate ask the voter to print the name on the ballot exactly as it appears on the information card.

Stickers are prohibited as they could damage the voting machines.

Campaign Finance Reporting

All write-in candidates must abide by the Campaign Finance Reporting Law. If a write-in candidate is in receipt of, or is spending, \$250 or more for his/her campaign, the candidate must file Campaign Finance Reports in a timely manner.

You can find campaign finance report deadline dates and blank reports on the Election/Voter Registration webpage on the www.blairco.org website, listed under the heading Campaign Finance Documents and Forms.

You should also be aware that all advertising and signage must clearly state who is paying for that advertisement or signage.

Write-In Candidate Results

Please note that write-in candidate results will NOT be available on Election Night. Write-In results will be included in reports that are uploaded to the Blair County Website on the Friday or Monday afternoon directly following Election Day.

In **Primary Elections (Spring)** – you must receive a minimum number of write-in votes equal to the number of signatures need on a petition for that office. (Example: Township Supervisor needs 10 signatures on a petition and a write-in candidate would need a minimum of 10 write-in votes.)

In **General Elections (November)** – there is no minimum votes needed. One (1) write-in vote *could* win the contest.

10 Foot Rule

Candidates are reminded that they and/or their representatives and campaign signs must remain 10 feet away from the voting room door when campaigning outside a polling location.

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VOTERS APPEARING TO VOTE.
KEEP WALKWAYS CLEAR FOR VOTERS TO ENTER AND EXIT.