

Qualifications to be Certified (2026 Election)

To be certified by the Office of Campaign Finance (OCF) as a participating candidate, the candidate must obtain the following qualified small dollar contributions from small dollar contributors who are individual District residents during the qualifying period.

- For a candidate for Mayor, qualified small dollar contributions from at least 1000 small dollar contributors, which in the aggregate, total \$40,000 or more
- For a candidate for Attorney General, qualified small dollar contributions from at least 500 small dollar contributors, which in the aggregate, total \$20,000 or more
- For a candidate for Council Chairman, qualified small dollar contributions from at least 300 small dollar contributors, which in the aggregate, total \$15,000 or more
- For a candidate for an At-Large Council seat, qualified small dollar contributions from at least 250 small dollar contributors, which in the aggregate, total \$12,000
- For a candidate for a Ward Council seat and the At-Large State Board of Education seat, qualified small dollar contributions from at least 150 small dollar contributors, which in the aggregate, total \$5,000 or more
- For a candidate for a Ward State Board of Education seat, qualified small dollar contributions from at least 50 small dollar contributors, which in the aggregate, total \$1,000 or more.

Candidates must pledge to adhere to not accepting contributions from business entities or contributions from traditional Political Action Committees. Contributions may be accepted only from individual District residents and individual non-residents which do not exceed:

- \$200 for the Office of Mayor;
- \$200 for the Office of Chairman of the Council or Attorney General;
- \$100 for the Office of Member of the Council elected At-Large;
- \$50 for the Office of Member of the Council elected from a Ward or for Member of the State Board of Education elected At-Large;
- \$20 for the Office of Member of the State Board of Education elected from a Ward.

Matching Payments: The maximum amount Participating Candidates may receive for the 2026 Election Cycle in matching payments at the 5:1 rate for qualified small dollar contributions from individual District residents is as follows:

- Mayor - \$ 3,443,855
- Attorney General - \$ 995,242
- Chairman of the Council - \$ 593,166
- At Large Council Member - \$ 468,314
- Ward Council Member - - \$ 263,680
- Ward State Board of Education Member - \$ 26,679