



CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

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		<i>State Party</i>	<i>County and LD Party Committees</i>	<i>Caucus Political Committee (House or Senate)</i>	<i>Candidate Committees</i>	<i>Pacs, Unions, Corps and other entities</i>	<i>Individuals</i>
RECIPIENTS	<i>State Party</i>	Not Applicable	No Limit	No Limit	Only from Surplus Funds No Limit	\$4,000 per calendar year (non-exempt) No Limit (exempt)	No Limit
	<i>County or LD Committee</i>	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	Only from Surplus Funds No Limit	\$4,000 per calendar year (non-exempt) No Limit (exempt)	No Limit
	<i>Caucus Political Committee</i>	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	Only from Surplus Funds No Limit	\$800 per calendar year	No Limit
	<i>Statewide Executive Candidate Committee</i>	\$0.80 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.40 per Reg. Voter per cycle (Joint Limit)	\$0.80 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$1,600 per election	\$1,600 per election
	<i>Legislative Candidate Committee</i>	\$0.80 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.40 per Reg. Voter per cycle (Joint Limit)	\$0.80 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$800 per election	\$800 per election
	<i>Judicial</i>	\$1,600 per election	\$1,600 per election	\$1,600 per election	Prohibited	\$1,600 per election	\$1,600 per election
	County office and port commissioner candidates running for office in jurisdictions with more than 200,000 registered voters are subject to contribution limits.	<i>Clark, King, Pierce, Spokane, or Snohomish County Office Candidate Committee</i>	\$0.80 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.40 per Reg. Voter per cycle (Joint Limit)	\$0.80 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$800 per election
<i>Port of Seattle or Tacoma Commissioner Candidate Committee</i>		\$0.80 per Reg. Voter per cycle	\$0.40 per Reg. Voter per cycle (Joint Limit)	\$0.80 per Reg. Voter per cycle	Prohibited	\$1,600 per election	\$1,600 per election
	PACS	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	Prohibited	No Limit	No Limit

- **Per cycle** means aggregate during the period from January 1 after the date of the previous general election for the office through December 31 after the upcoming general election for the office.
- **Per election** means per each primary, general, or special election for that office.
- **Per calendar year** means aggregate during the period from January 1 through December 31 each year.
- Contributions designated for the exempt account of a bona fide political party are NOT subject to limit, except **during the 21 days before the general election** when the \$5,000 maximum applies. See next column.

- **During the 21 days before the general election**, no contributor may donate over \$50,000 in the aggregate to a candidate for statewide office, or over \$5,000 in the aggregate to a candidate for any other office or to a political committee. This includes contributions to a party committee, as well as a candidate's personal contributions to his/her own campaign. It does not apply to contributions from the state committee of the WA State Democratic or Republican Party or from the state committee of a minor party.

Contribution Limits to Candidates Subject to Limits

A candidate subject to limits is prohibited from accepting aggregate contributions exceeding the following amounts:

Source of Contribution	To State Executive or Port Commissioner* Candidates	To Legislative or County Office* Candidates
Individual	\$1,600 ¹	\$800 ¹
Union or Business	1,600 ¹	800 ¹
Political Action Committee	1,600 ¹	800 ¹
State Party Central Committee	.80/voter ²	.80/voter ²
County Party Central Committee	.40/voter ³	.40/voter ⁴
Legislative District Committee	.40/voter ³	.40/voter ⁴
Minor Party Committee	.80/voter ⁵	.80/voter ⁵
Legislative Caucus Committee	.80/voter ⁵	.80/voter ⁵

*only in jurisdictions with more than 200,000 registered voters as of the last General Election

Any judicial candidate is prohibited from accepting aggregate contributions exceeding \$1,600 per election from any source.

1 This is a per election limit; each primary, general and special election is considered a separate election. This limit does not apply to the candidate using personal funds to give to his or her own campaign. The limit does apply to the candidate's spouse.

Primary election contributions must be made on or before the date of the primary unless a candidate lost the primary and has debt to retire. Contributors may continue to make contributions to a candidate who loses the primary election and has insufficient funds to pay debts outstanding until the debt is retired or 30 days after the primary, whichever comes first.

General election contributions must be made no later than December 31 of the election year.

During the 21 days before the general election, no candidate for legislative office or local office may contribute to his or her own campaign more than \$5,000 in the aggregate, and no candidate for state executive office or supreme court justice may contribute to his or her own campaign more than \$50,000 in the aggregate.

2 The limit amount of \$.80 times the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction (as of the last general election) is for the entire election cycle. The election cycle is from January 1 after the last election for the office or the start of the candidate's campaign -- whichever is later -- through December 31 of the election year in which election is sought. Contributions must be made no later than December 31 of the election year.

3 During the election cycle (defined in #2 above), all county central committees and legislative district committees in the state share a combined limit to each candidate of \$.40 times the number of registered voters statewide as of the last general election. (However, during the 21 days before the general election, neither a county central committee nor a legislative district committee may give a state executive office candidate more than \$50,000 in the aggregate.) Contributions must be made no later than December 31 of the election year.

4 A county central and legislative district committee may only contribute to a candidate if voters residing in the county or legislative district are entitled to elect the candidate to the office sought. During the election cycle (defined in #2 above), a legislative district committee, in conjunction with all county central committees in that district, share a combined per candidate limit of \$.40 times the number of registered voters in the legislative district as of the last general election. (However, during the 21 days before the general, neither a county central committee nor a legislative district committee may give a legislative candidate more than \$5,000 in the aggregate.) Contributions must be made no later than December 31 of the election year.

5 The limit amount is for the entire election cycle. The election cycle is from January 1 after the last election for the office or the start of the candidate's campaign -- whichever is later -- through December 31 of the year in which election is sought. (However, during the 21 days before the general, a caucus political committee may not give a state executive candidate more than \$50,000 in the aggregate or a legislative candidate more than \$5,000 in the aggregate.) Contributions must be made no later than December 31 of the election year.