2011 Key Reporting Dates for Candidates

DATE	ACTIVITY	C-4 REPORT PERIOD
Within two weeks of becoming a candidate	File a C-1 (non-incumbents also file an F-1)	
Jan 10	File monthly C-4 & C-3, if necessary	close of last report thru Dec 31
Feb 10	" "	close of last report thru Jan 31
Mar 10	" "	close of last report thru Feb 28
Apr 11	" "	close of last report thru Mar 31
May 10	" "	close of last report thru Apr 30
June 1	Begin filing C-3 reports weekly, each Monday, for deposits made during previous 7 days (Monday thru Sunday)	
June 6 - 10	Declaration of candidacy filing week	
June 10	File monthly C-4, if necessary	close of last report thru May 31
July 5	Final day before primary to change from mini to full reporting without special circumstances[1]	
July 26	21 day pre-primary C-4 due[2]	June 1 thru July 25
Aug 8 - 15	Campaign books open for public inspection	
Aug 9	7 day pre-primary C-4 due	July 26 thru Aug 8
Aug 9 - 15	Special reports due if candidate receives contributions of $1,000 or more from one source.[3]	
Aug 16	**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**	
Sept 12	Post-primary C-4 due	Aug 9 thru Aug 31
Sept 27	Final day before general to change from mini to full reporting without special circumstances[1]	
Oct 18	21 day pre-general C-4 due	Sep 1 thru Oct 17
Oct 18 – Nov 7	Special reports due if candidate receives contributions of $1,000 or more in the aggregate from one source. Unless the contribution is from the state committee of a major political party or a minor party, a candidate may not now receive from one source contributions totaling over $5,000 in the aggregate.[3]	
Oct 31 – Nov 7	Campaign books open for public inspection	
Nov 1	7 day pre-general C-4 due	Oct 18 thru Oct 31
Nov 8	**GENERAL ELECTION DAY**	
Dec 12	Post-general C-4 due (and C-3, if necessary)	Nov 1 thru Nov 30
Jan 10 (2012)	End of election cycle C-4 due (and C-3, if necessary)	Dec 1 – Dec 31

[1] See WAC 390-16-125.
[2] Only required of candidates whose names will appear on the primary election ballot or who are running as write-in candidates in the primary election. Candidates who are only in the general election file monthly reports for June, July, and August – these reports are due on the 10th of the following month.
[3] Does not constitute authority to exceed any applicable local or state contribution limit.

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