

Qualifications for Filing Candidacy

Federal Offices						
Office Sought	Age	U.S. Citizen	State Citizen/ Resident	District Resident	Term of Office	Additional Qualifications
President	35	Natural born Citizen	14 years a resident within the United States		4 years from January 20th	
Vice President	35	Natural born Citizen	14 years a resident within the United States		4 years from January 20th	
U.S. Senate	30	9 years	Inhabitant of the State at the time of the election		6 years from January 3rd	
U.S. Congress	25	7 years	Inhabitant of the State at the time of the election		2 years from January 3rd	

State Offices						
Office Sought	Age	State Citizen/ Resident	District Resident	Term of Office	Additional Qualifications	
Governor	30	5 years		4 years from 3rd Wed. in January		
Lt. Governor	30	5 years		4 years from 3rd Wed. in January		
Comptroller				4 years from 3rd Wed. in January		
Attorney General		10 years		4 years	Practice law in MD for 10 years	
State Senate	25	1 year	6 months	4 years from 2nd Wed. in January		
House of Delegates	21	1 year	6 months	4 years from 2nd Wed. in January		
Circuit Court Judge	30	5 years	6 months	15 years or until the age of 70	Member - Maryland Bar	

County Offices					
Office Sought	Age	State Citizen/ Resident	District Resident	Term of Office	Additional Qualifications
County Executive				4 years	As specified in local charter
County Council				4 years	As specified in local charter
Co. Commissioners				4 years	As specified in public local law
County Treasurer				4 years	As specified in public local law
State's Attorney			Subdivision 2 years	4 years	Member - Maryland Bar
Clerk of the Courts				4 years	
Register of Wills				4 years	
Orphans Court Judge			Subdivision 1 year	4 years	
Sheriff	25	5 years	Reside w/in subdivision	4 years	
Board of Education				Vary	Contact specific County

Party Offices					
Office Sought	Age	State Citizen/ Resident	District Resident	Term of Office	Additional Qualifications
Central Committee				4 years	Specified by the Party's bylaws