

## 2026 General Assembly Application Deadlines & Commission Meeting Dates

Application Deadlines – By 5:00 p.m. on the following:	Commission Meeting Dates
Wednesday, May 20, for primary or general election	Thursday, May 28
Wednesday, May 27, for primary or general election	Wednesday, June 3
Wednesday, June 3, for primary or general election	Wednesday, June 10
Wednesday, June 10, for primary or general election	Wednesday, June 17
Wednesday, June 17, for primary or general election	Thursday, June 25
Wednesday, June 24, for primary or general election	Wednesday, July 1
Wednesday, July 1, for primary or general election	Thursday, July 9
Wednesday, July 8, for primary or general election	Wednesday, July 15
*Wednesday, July 15, for primary candidates only	Wednesday, July 22
*Friday, July 17, for primary candidates only ( <b>FINAL application deadline for candidates in primary</b> )	Friday, July 24

### Primary Grant Applications Will Not Be Accepted After July 17 at 5 p.m.

\*Note: During the “primary blackout period” (beginning after 5:00 p.m. on July 8 and going through 5:00 p.m. on July 17) candidates not facing a primary may still submit applications for general election grants, but the applications will be deemed as received for the July 22 application deadline, and the Commission will not make a grant determination on such general election applications until its July 29 meeting.

[General Statutes § 9-706(g)(1)]

Wednesday, July 15, general election candidates	Wednesday, July 29
Wednesday, July 22, general election candidates	Wednesday, July 29
Wednesday, July 29, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 5
Wednesday, August 5, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 12
Wednesday, August 12, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 19
Wednesday, August 19, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 26
Wednesday, August 26, general election candidates	Wednesday, September 2
Wednesday, September 2**, general election candidates	Thursday, September 10
Wednesday, September 9**, general election candidates	Wednesday, September 16
Wednesday, September 16**, general election candidates	Wednesday, September 23
Wednesday, September 23**, general election candidates	Wednesday, September 30
Wednesday, September 30**, general election candidates	Wednesday, October 7
Wednesday, October 7**, general election candidates	Thursday, October 15
Friday, October 9**, general election candidates ( <b>FINAL application deadline for candidates in general election</b> )	Friday, October 16

### General Election Grant Applications Will Not Be Accepted After October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

\*\*Note: The full grant amount for which a campaign is eligible may be reduced according to the grant reduction schedule outlined in the next section.

## 2026 Statewide Office Application Deadlines & Commission Meeting Dates

Application Deadlines – By 5:00 p.m. on the following:	Commission Meeting Dates
Wednesday, May 20, for primary or general election	Thursday, June 4
Wednesday, May 27, for primary or general election	Wednesday, June 10
Wednesday, June 3, for primary or general election	Wednesday, June 17
Wednesday, June 10, for primary or general election	Thursday, June 25
Wednesday, June 17, for primary or general election	Thursday, July 2
Wednesday, June 24, for primary or general election	Thursday, July 9
Wednesday, July 1 for primary or general election	Thursday, July 16
Wednesday, July 8, for primary or general election	Wednesday, July 22
*Wednesday, July 15, for primary candidates only	Friday, July 24
*Friday, July 17, for primary candidates only ( <b>FINAL application deadline for candidates in primary</b> )	Friday, July 24

### Primary Grant Applications Will Not Be Accepted After July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

\*Note: During the “primary blackout period” (beginning after 5:00 p.m. on July 8 and going through 5:00 p.m. on July 17) candidates not facing a primary may still submit applications for general election grants, but the applications will be deemed as received for the July 22 application deadline, and the Commission will not make a grant determination on such general election applications until its August 5 meeting.

[General Statutes § 9-706(g)(1)]

Wednesday, July 15, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 5
Wednesday, July 22, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 5
Wednesday, July 29, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 12
Wednesday, August 5, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 19
Wednesday, August 12, general election candidates	Wednesday, August 26
Wednesday, August 19, general election candidates	Wednesday, September 2
Wednesday, August 26**, general election candidates	Thursday, September 10
Wednesday, September 2**, general election candidates	Thursday, September 17
Wednesday, September 9**, general election candidates	Wednesday, September 23
Wednesday, September 16**, general election candidates	Wednesday, September 30
Wednesday, September 23**, general election candidates	Wednesday, October 7
Wednesday, September 30**, general election candidates	Thursday, October 15
Wednesday, October 7 **, general election candidates	Friday, October 16
Friday, October 9**, general election candidates ( <b>FINAL application deadline for candidates in general election</b> )	Friday, October 16

### General Election Grant Applications Will Not Be Accepted After October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

\*\*Note: The full grant amount for which a campaign is eligible may be reduced according to the grant reduction schedule outlined in the next section.

## 2026 Grant Reduction Schedule

The legislature adopted a grant reduction schedule so that the later in the election cycle a campaign applies for a grant, the smaller the grant amount it will be eligible to receive.

Specifically, campaigns will receive the following percentage of the grant they are otherwise eligible to receive if they submit their application during agency hours according to the following schedule:

- Applications received prior to the 70th day preceding the election (on or before 08/24/2026): 100% of grant.
- Applications received on or after the 70th day but before the 56th day preceding the election (between 08/25/2026 and 09/04/2026\*): 75% of grant.
- Applications received on or after the 56th day but before the 42nd day preceding the election (between 09/08/2026 and 09/21/2026): 65% of grant.
- Applications received between on or after the 42nd day but before the 28th day preceding the election (between 09/22/2026 and 10/05/2026): 55% of grant.
- Applications received on or after the 28th day preceding the election and by the last deadline date (between 10/06/2026 and 10/09/2026): 40% of grant.

\* The 56<sup>th</sup> day before the election is preceded by a holiday and therefore applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 04, 2026, to qualify for a 75% grant.

A full grant for the general election will only be awarded to a committee that submits a good faith grant application prior to the seventieth day before the election. At the time of grant application, a participating committee's certification must (i) affirm that it has received the required qualifying contributions *prior to the seventieth day* before the election; and (ii) demonstrate in its SEEC Form 30 that the above certification is true and correct. A grant application will not be deemed to have been filed unless the aggregate amount of contributions reported meet or exceed the qualifying threshold. The amount of reported contributions from Connecticut contributors for statewide candidates must meet or exceed the 90% requirement for in-state contributors and the number of reported in-district contributions required must exceed 150 for House candidates and 300 for Senate candidates.

All committees that are not able to meet this threshold at the time of grant application will be subject to the grant reduction schedule if their complete application is submitted after the seventieth day before the election

For the actual grant amounts based on date of application, please see [Chapter V. Campaign Grants](#). Primary grant amounts are not affected since the deadline for primary grant applications occurs prior to the 70<sup>th</sup> day before the general election when the reductions begin.

[General Statutes § 9-705]