



HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR LOCAL PARTY COMMITTEE

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The smallest unit of both the Democratic and the Republican party in Ohio is the **County Central Committee**. Members of these committees are called **County Central Committee Members** and serve a **two year term**. The elections are held during May of even years, with a filing deadline 75 days before the election.

The filing deadline to run in the upcoming election is: **February 16, 2006**

The next election of County Central Committee Members is during the **May 2, 2006 primary**.

To become a member of this committee through the regular election process:

1. You must be:
 - a) 18 years of age.
 - b) Registered to vote as a member of the relevant political party.
 - c) A resident of the relevant county.
2. You must file **Declaration of Candidacy** form (#2-G or #2-GA) by the date noted above. The appropriate form is available from your county board of elections and possibly also from your county party chair. To complete the form, you may need to collect the signatures of 5 other registered members of your party in the political division from which you are running (depending on where you live, this may be your precinct or your ward).
3. You must receive enough votes in the election.
4. You must attend the reorganization meeting held by your party in your locality.

It is often possible to join the committee between regular elections:

- Mid-term vacancies are frequent and openings are filled through appointment by the County Chair or election by the remaining committee members, so you may be able to become a member of your county committee even between regular elections. Contact your county chair to see if there is a vacancy in your area.
- There are often other opportunities to get involved without yet being a formal member of the committee – volunteer to help, people will come to know you, and you will increase your chances of becoming a member through the next regular election.

To contact your county chair and/or for more information, visit:

	Democratic Party	Republican Party
State of Ohio	www.ohiodems.org	www.ohiogop.org
Cuyahoga County	www.cuydem.com	www.cuyahogacountygop.com
Lucas County	www.lucasdems.org	www.lucasgop.org
Franklin County	www.fcdp.org	www.franklincountygop.org
Summit County	www.summitdems.org	www.summitcountygop.org
Hamilton County	www.hamiltoncountydems.org	www.hamiltoncountyrepublicanparty.org