

From now until Election Day (October 24), staff may receive election related questions from a candidate. For the benefit of all candidates, we will provide the question and answer to all candidates via email.

**May 11, 2022**

**Question #1 - Can a non-Canadian citizen donate to a campaign?**

Who can make a contribution?

You can accept contributions only from individuals who are residents of Ontario. Corporations and trade unions are not permitted to make contributions to candidates.

If your spouse is not a resident of Ontario, they can still make contributions to your campaign. They may not make contributions to any other candidate. Groups such as clubs, associations or ratepayer's groups are not eligible to make contributions.

The members of these groups may make individual contributions from their personal funds (as long as they are residents of Ontario).

Who cannot make a contribution?

The following individuals and organizations are not permitted to make contributions to municipal council and school board campaigns:

- a corporation
- a trade union
- an individual who is not normally a resident in Ontario
- a federal political party, constituency association, or a registered candidate in a federal election
- a provincial political party, constituency association, or a registered candidate or leadership contestant
- a federal or provincial government, a municipality or a school board

**Question #2 – Can you include your nomination filing fee as an election expense?**

Campaign expenses are the costs that you incur (or that a person such as your campaign manager incurs under your direction) during your campaign. Reminder: the nomination fee is a personal expense rather than a campaign expense. It should not be reported on your campaign financial statement.

**Question #3 – Is the nomination filing fee tax deductible?**

You are entitled to have your nomination fee refunded if you file your campaign financial statement by the filing deadline. We suggest contacting your personal accountant regarding the eligibility of this fee being tax deductible.