2020 FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS
CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

FEDERAL:
U. S. Representative - Art. I, § 2 U. S. Constitution
• At least 25 years of age
• Citizen of United States for 7 years
• Resident of Missouri

STATE:
Minimum Qualifications Applicable to All State Offices:

Article VII, § 8, Missouri Constitution
• Citizen of the United States
• Resident of the state 1 year next preceding election

§ 115.306, RSMo
• Is not delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property
taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence as stated in
the declaration of candidacy
• Is not a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to
the state
• Has not been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony under the federal laws of
the United States of America
• Has not been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony under the laws of this state
or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this
state

§ 130.071.2, RSMo
• In addition to any other penalties provided by law, no person may file for any
office in a subsequent election until he or the treasurer of his existing candidate
committee has filed all required campaign disclosure reports for all prior
elections.

Additional Qualifications for Specific State Offices:

Governor – Art. IV, § 3, Missouri Constitution
• At least 30 years of age
• Citizen of United States for 15 years
• Resident of Missouri for 10 years before election

Lieutenant Governor - Art. IV, § 10, Missouri Constitution
• At least 30 years of age
• Citizen of United States for 15 years
• Resident of Missouri for 10 years before election
**Secretary of State** - No additional qualifications

**Attorney General** - Chapters 27 and 484, RSMo
- Licensed to practice law

**Treasurer** - No additional qualifications

**State Senator** - Art. III, § 6, Missouri Constitution & § 21.070, RSMo
- At least 30 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter for 3 years before election
- Resident of the district which he is chosen to represent for 1 year before election

**State Representative** - Art. III, § 4, Missouri Constitution & § 21.080, RSMo
- At least 24 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter for 2 years before election
- Resident of the district which he is chosen to represent for 1 year before election

**Supreme Court Judge** - Art. V § 21, Missouri Constitution
- At least 30 years of age
- Citizen of the United States for at least 15 years
- Qualified Missouri voter for at least 9 years before election
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

**Appellate Court Judge** - Art. V § 21, Missouri Constitution
- At least 30 years of age
- Citizen of the United States for at least 15 years
- Qualified Missouri voter for at least 9 years before election
- Resident of the court of appeals district for which he or she will serve
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

**Circuit Court Judge** - Art. V, § 21, Missouri Constitution
- At least 30 years of age
- Citizen of the United States for at least 10 years
- Qualified Missouri voter for at least 3 years before election
- Resident of circuit for at least 1 year
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

**Associate Circuit Judge*** - Art. V, § 21, Missouri Constitution & § 478.320, RSMo
- At least 25 years of age
- Qualified Missouri voter
- Resident of county for which he or she is to be elected at least 1 year before election
- Licensed to practice law in Missouri

*Associate circuit judges file for candidacy with the county clerk or other local election authority