

CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

A registered candidate must ensure that monetary contributions are deposited in a campaign account, that the campaign account is used only for the purpose of the election campaign, and all payments relating to the campaign are made by cheque drawn on the account.

Candidates must set up a campaign account at a financial institution (eg. bank, credit union) if they are going to receive monetary contributions.

Details of the account, including the name of the financial institution, account number, etc. need to be provided to the SEO on the Registration Form. The campaign account must be used only for election purposes.

Note: For those petty cash disbursements where it is not practicable to disburse funds directly from the account, an advance could be provided from the account prior to incurring the expense. By the end of the reporting period, invoices and vouchers should be recorded and retained to support each disbursement. As well, given the nature of some of the activities of a candidate, it may not be practicable to disburse all payments directly from the account. For example, for such items as meals or transportation, the supplier may not be willing to accept a cheque as payment so a candidate would use cash, debit, or credit card to pay for the expense. In such instances, it would be appropriate to record the expenditure with sufficient detail to describe the expenditure.

Contributions to Candidates:

Legislation restricts who may contribute to a candidate's campaign:

Contributions may only be received from residents of Manitoba.

Contributions may not be received from unions, corporations or any other organizations, for example the chamber of commerce or rotary club.

Any candidate who receives an anonymous contribution must turn it over to the SEO.

Legislation establishes the maximum amount that a person may contribute. Monetary and non-monetary contributions are counted towards the limit.

The maximum amounts an individual can contribute to one candidate:

- **\$1,500 to mayors/reeves and councillors elected at large**

These contribution limits also apply to candidates and their spouses.