



LIMITS & THRESHOLDS FOR NEW YORK STATE GOVERNOR

Contribution Limits

New York State Election Law establishes limits on contributions that can be received by candidates and political committees.

Effective **November 9, 2022**, the following limitations apply to all non-family contributions to candidates' authorized committees for election to the **New York State Governor**. (E.L. §14-114(1)).

Please Note: These limits apply to all candidates for New York State Governor – whether the candidate is participating in the Public Campaign Finance Program.

New York State Governor – Non-Family	
Primary	\$9,000.00
General	\$9,000.00
Total	\$18,000.00

The family limits for contributions to New York State Governor candidates' authorized committees remain based on the formulas outlined in the table below. Under NYS Election Law, the family limit is an aggregate limit from all the candidate's family members (defined as the candidate's child, parent, grandparent, brother and sister, and spouses of those persons). However, if a candidate solely, or using the funds jointly held with a candidate's spouse, or candidate's unemancipated children, contribute more than three times the applicable non-family contribution limit, the candidate would not be eligible to receive public funds until remedied.

New York State Governor – Family	
Primary	Total number of enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the state, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$0.025.
General	Total number of registered voters in the state, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$0.025.

Candidates running jointly for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor in a General or Special Election shall be deemed to be one candidate for limit purposes. (E.L. §14-114 (7)).



Fundraising Thresholds

Participating candidates must raise a certain amount of funds from a certain number of individual contributors to qualify to receive public matching funds. The fundraising thresholds vary by office sought. The fundraising threshold for eligibility for matching funding for participating candidates for **New York State Governor** is \$500,000 of matchable contributions, including at least 5,000 individual matchable contributions from residents of New York State. (E.L. §14-203(2)).

Funds that were lawfully raised in previous election cycles do not count towards the threshold for participation in the Public Campaign Finance Program.

Office	Matchable Contributions	Minimum Number of Matchable Contributors
State Governor	\$500,000	5,000 NYS Residents

Matchable Contributions

Matchable contributions are between \$5 and \$250, provided those contributions come from a natural person who is a resident of New York State. For examples of what contributions qualify and do not qualify for public matching funds and eligibility thresholds, see the chart below or refer to E.L. §14-203(2) of NYS Election Law for more details.

Example *All individuals in examples are New York State residents	Is the contribution matchable?	Does the contribution count towards the minimum amount raised threshold?	Does the individual count towards the minimum number of contributors threshold?
Individual A contributes \$5 (or any amount up to \$250)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Individual B contributes \$2 (or any amount \$1-\$4)	No	No	No
Individual C contributes \$500 (or any amount greater than \$250)	No	Yes, but only \$250 of the total given	No
Individual D contributes \$250 and makes another contribution (of any amount)	No, unless the committee refunds any contribution over \$250	Yes, but only \$250 of the total given	No, unless the committee refunds any contribution over \$250