



LIMITS & THRESHOLDS FOR NEW YORK STATE SENATE

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 Senate**. (E.L. §14-114(1)).

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

New York State Senate - Non-Family	
Primary	\$5,000.00
General	\$5,000.00
Total	\$10,000.00

The family limits for contributions to New York State Senate 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 the spouse of any such persons). However, if a candidate solely, or using 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 Senate - Family	
Primary	Total number of enrolled voters in the candidate's party in the district, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$0.25, but at least \$20,000, and no more than \$100,000.
General	Total number of registered voters in the candidate's district, excluding voters in inactive status, multiplied by \$0.25, but at least \$20,000, and no more than \$100,000.



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 Senate** is \$12,000 of matchable contributions, including at least 150 individual matchable contributions from residents of the applicable Senate District. (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 Senate	\$12,000*	150 District Residents

*For lower income New York State Senate Districts (below the adjusted state median income), the minimum amount required is reduced to \$8,000. The Public Campaign Finance Board (PCFB) will publish which districts are subject to the reduction each election cycle.

Matchable Contributions

Matchable contributions are between \$5 and \$250, provided those contributions come from a natural person who is a resident of the New York State Senate District the candidate is running for. 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 in-district 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