

## Muskegon County Candidate Information

# Unopposed and uncontested in Muskegon County

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The fact is, many local offices are low or even unpaid positions that require a lot of dedication to public service, so it may not surprise you to learn that several of your local “elected” officials have not been elected at all, but were appointed because no one ran.

We still have several offices in Muskegon County where no one is running this year. We also have several where no Democrats are running, which means the Republican candidates win by default. See the lists we have assembled below for your information.

## WRITE-IN CANDIDATES, APPOINTMENTS, AND DEATHS

The point of a general election is to have a ballot that includes all races, questions, and referendums for that term. If no one successfully applies to be on the ballot for an open office, that office still needs to be filled. So the office would be listed on the ballot for write in votes.

**Note that you can't just write in any name.** An application must be made and submitted to the body in question by the write-in candidate. Any names written in without the application are automatically disqualified.

What happens if no one runs and no one applies as a write-in either? The related governing body already in existence appoints someone to that position once the election is over. It could be anyone the body decides on. You can imagine that a solid Republican or Democrat body is likely to appoint a like-minded resident.

In most cases, if a candidate dies between the time the ballot is set and the election, that candidate will remain on the ballot. There are cases where a dead candidate wins. In this case, the win goes to the next most voted for candidate.

We encourage any who may be interested to take a look at the List of Candidates via the link above. You may be more than a little surprised to discover that there are MANY elected positions in Michigan where not a single Democrat is running. There are also quite a few Trustee positions where only one Democrat is running, but there are four offices up for grabs.

There are also numerous positions no one is currently running to fill, which are ripe for write-ins. Remember, if there are no write-ins, the existing body will have the say over who joins them.

## UNOPPOSED AND UNCONTESTED SEATS IN MUSKEGON COUNTY

For your convenience, we have sifted through and compiled the following list of offices in Muskegon County where **NO DEMOCRAT** is running, and/or no Democrat or Republican is running (**OPEN**).

See pertinent links to voting requirements in Michigan, candidate information, and the write-in application, on the next page.

Clerk	<b>Blue Lake Township</b>	<b>Casnovia Township YIKES NO DEMS AT ALL!</b> Supervisor Treasurer Clerk: OPEN Trustees
Clerk	<b>Cedar Creek Township</b>	<b>Dalton Township</b> Supervisor Treasurer
Treasurer: OPEN Clerk: OPEN Trustees	<b>Fruitland Township</b>	<b>Fruitport Charter Township</b> Clerk
Supervisor Clerk Trustees	<b>Holton Township</b>	<b>Laketon Township YIKES NO DEMS AT ALL!</b> Supervisor Treasurer Clerk Trustees
Supervisor Treasurer Clerk Trustees	<b>Montague Township YIKES NO DEMS AT ALL!</b>	<b>Moorland Township</b> Supervisor Treasurer: OPEN
Supervisor Treasurer Clerk	<b>Ravenna Township</b>	<b>Sullivan Township YIKES NO DEMS AT ALL!</b> Supervisor Treasurer: OPEN Clerk: OPEN Trustee
Supervisor	<b>White River Township</b>	<b>Whitehall Township YIKES NO DEMS AT ALL!</b> Supervisor Treasurer Clerk Trustee



## PERTINENT LINKS

- Interested in being a write-in candidate? Get Muskegon County's [Write-In Declaration of Intent](#).
- To see a complete list of all the candidates for all elected positions in the county and state, see the [County Clerk's List of Candidates](#).
- For complete details on voting requirements in Michigan, see the [Michigan Voter Information Center](#).
- Register to vote at [vote.org](#). Be aware **that there are trick websites out there that feign registration** by taking your info and then saying Thank You, but in fact, you have NOT registered. Always use [vote.org](#), the [official Michigan state registry](#), or at your local township or city.

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