



2026 Potential Candidate Election Information Packet

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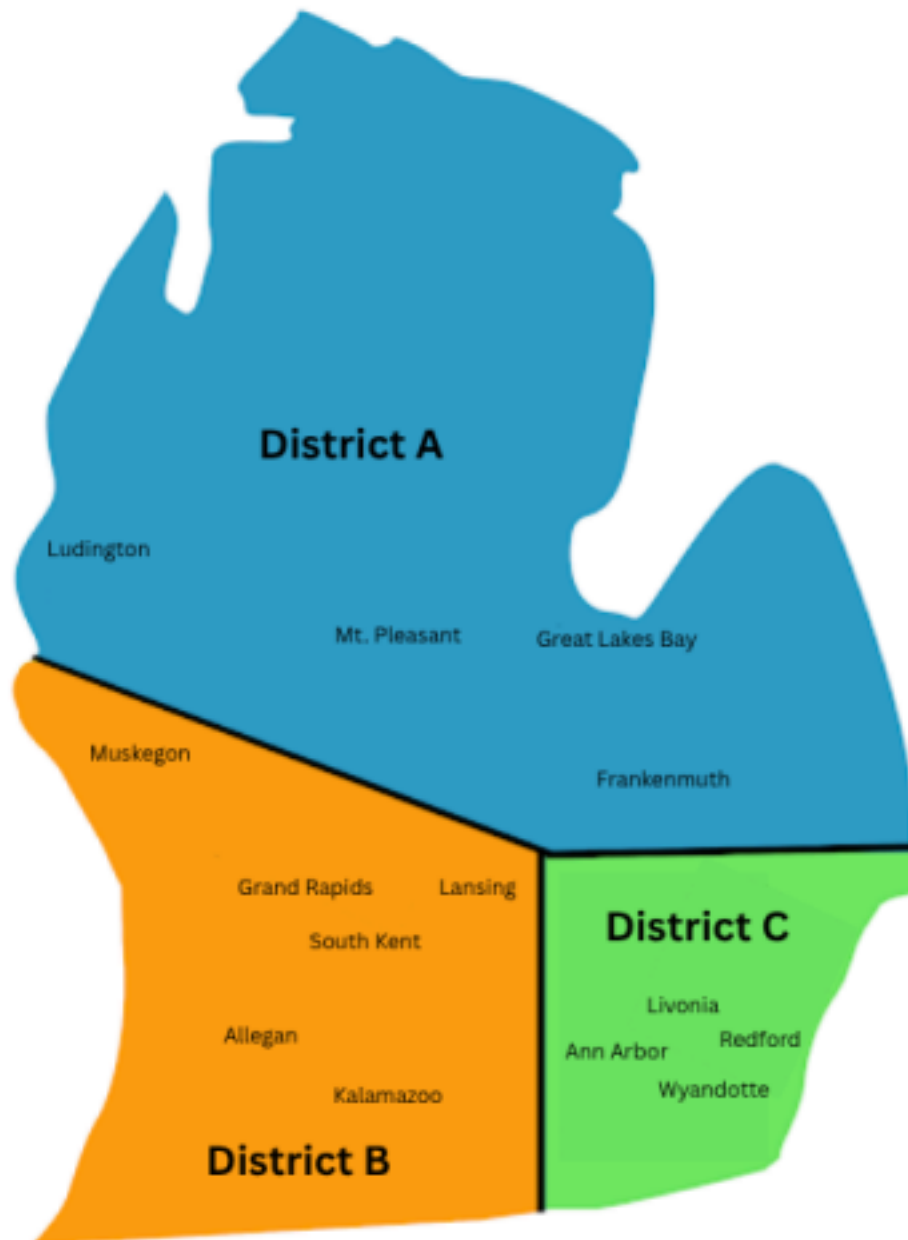
Great Lakes Bay
Frankenmuth
Ludington
Mt. Pleasant

DISTRICT B Chapters:

Allegan
Grand Rapids
Kalamazoo
Lansing
Muskegon
Ottawa Kent

DISTRICT C Chapters:

Ann Arbor
Livonia
Redford
Wyandotte



JCI Michigan 2026 Elections Committee

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Dear Potential Candidate and Campaign Manager,

Congratulations on taking the next step in your JCI career by deciding to run for JCI Michigan Elected Office. Enclosed you will find the information required to run your campaign.

Positions available include President; Programming Vice-President; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director; Membership Vice-President; District A Director; District B Director; and District C Director.

As a candidate you are required to review the contents of this packet in detail. If you need any additional information, please contact the JCI Michigan Elections Committee at elections@jcimi.org or visit the JCI Michigan website HERE: <https://jcimi.org/membership/elections>

Many of these forms and documents are updated annually, so be sure to use versions current for 2026.

The following information is included:

- 1) Statement of Candidacy Form
- 2) Certification Form
- 4) Certification Checklist
- 6) Proposed Budget Forms
- 7) Final Campaign Budget Forms
- 8) Candidate Profile
- 9) Elections Schedule
- 10) Tips & Recommendations
- 11) Election Rules
- 12) Relevant JCI Michigan Bylaws
- 13) Home Chapter Recommendation

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the Elections Committee. We are here to help you!

Sincerely,

Karen Kekelik
2026 Elections Committee Chair

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY FORM

Please complete **all pages** in this packet and email a scanned version to: elections@jcimi.org OR File the online JotForm

FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND CERTIFIED BY THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE BEFORE ANY CAMPAIGNING IS ALLOWED FOR ANY OFFICE.

CANDIDATE FOR:

- PRESIDENT
- PROGRAMMING VICE PRESIDENT
- MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT
- DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION DIRECTOR
- DISTRICT DIRECTOR FOR DISTRICT _____

NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

ADDRESS:

CITY , MI ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

DATE JOINED JCI MI: PRIMARY (HOME) CHAPTER:

JCI OFFICES HELD:

JCI AWARDS RECEIVED:

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CERTIFICATION FORM 2026

- **Candidate** - Be sure to read the Election Rules found in this packet. This will provide you with all of the election rules to ensure a well-run campaign with no violations. Please share them with all members of your campaign committee.
- **Nominations** - Return the Certification Form along with any accompanying documentation to the Elections Committee as a part of your application packet. All candidates must submit all required portions to be eligible for certification by the Elections Committee.
- There will be **NO** campaigning prior to **August 13, 2026**.
- All candidates **must be** certified by the Elections Committee prior to campaigning.

CANDIDATE'S CERTIFICATION

"I hereby represent that the information included in and with my statement of candidacy is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree as a condition of my candidacy to observe all the rules of JCI Michigan, including, but not limited to, the Code of Conduct and those pertaining to campaigns and elections. I certify that I am an Individual Member of JCI Michigan in good standing associated with the _____ chapter, and that I will remain in good standing at all times during my campaign and any term of office. I also certify that I have been advised of the time and economic commitments required of me, if elected, and I understand that not all my expenses will be reimbursed. I understand that if I am elected, I will be expected to attend one or more training sessions, monthly Board of Directors Meetings, and General Assembly Meetings (Leadership Conferences) throughout the year, as part of the duties of my office. If elected, I will discharge my responsibilities to the best of my ability."

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT ONLY: "I certify that I have or will have served at least two full voting terms on the JCI Michigan Board of Directors prior to the commencement of the term I seek."

CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT POSITIONS: "I certify that I have or will have served at least one full term on the JCI Michigan Board of Directors prior to the commencement of the term I seek."

By signing this I agree to all statements contained within the certification and a background check.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

DATE

Recommendations & Nominations

Please upload a recommendation letter from your local chapter president that endorsing you as a candidate and certifies you are a member in good standing of your local chapter.

Nominations from 1-2 chapters are required to help certify your candidacy. All elected roles, minus district directors, must have two chapters nominating them. Please note that your home chapter may be one of them but is not required to be. As a district director your FIRST nomination must come from a chapter in the district you are running for. A SECOND is not required for district director. All nominators will be contacted by the elections committee to certify your candidacy.

Local Chapter President - Name, Phone, Email

First nomination Chapter President - Name, Phone, Email

Second nomination Chapter President - Name, Phone, Email

***Note:** If the candidate is currently serving as President, this must be the Chairman of the Board.

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CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST 2026

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE REQUIRED TO BE FILLED WITH FORM AT CERTIFICATION -

**no documentation should be physically mailed anywhere; Electronic only.*

- ☐ Statement of Candidacy Form
- ☐ Home Chapter Recommendation Letter (signed by Chapter President (or COB if applicable)
- ☐ High resolution digital photograph (headshot) of candidate
- ☐ Photocopy of government issued ID
- ☐ List of campaign manager and all committee members with phone numbers and email addresses
- ☐ Proposed Campaign Budget with all proposed income and expenses for filing fees, printing, promotional items, and any miscellaneous costs (not to exceed limits of any Election Rules)
- ☐ Copies of all promotional items, including but not limited to posters, flyers/brochures, buttons, banner, web page, etc. *Additional material or changes to original items shall be approved by the Elections Chair prior to distribution*
- ☐ Filing Fee of \$25
- ☐ Candidate's website or social media address(es) (if applicable):

☐ Copies of all promotional items including estimated number produced of each item.

- One (1) banner (maximum size 24 square feet)

- Posters - maximum size 11 x 17" Flyers / brochures

- Buttons

- Miscellaneous (President \$500 max, Vice President \$200 max)

***Note: Include the above as line items in your proposed campaign budget and final quantities and costs in your final budget reporting document.*

Formal Candidate Certification will begin on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Campaigning may not begin until August 13, 2026.

***Payment must be made at the time of Certification. Only PayPal transfer payment or payment through jotform submission will be accepted.

FILING FEE \$25.00 **PayPal Funds Transfer sent to treasurer@jcimi.org OR Jotform Submitted to Pay.

Date Transfer made _____ Email Address Transfer sent from _____

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2026 PROPOSED CAMPAIGN BUDGET REPORT

*This report **must be filed** with the Elections Committee **at the time candidate certification.***

Candidate:

Office:

Please list the quantity and estimated costs of all proposed items. Copies of **all receipts/ bills must be included** in the Final Campaign Budget Report. Please print or type.

ITEM	QUANTITY	PROPOSED COST	SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT
Filing Fee		\$	Cash Contributions	
			Source:	
Banner		\$		
Posters		\$		
Mailings				
- Postage		\$		
- Printing		\$		
- Paper/Envelopes		\$		
Flyers / Brochures		\$	Other Donations:	Value
Buttons		\$		
Website		\$	Source:	\$
Miscellaneous		\$		
Total Amount Spent		\$	Total Income	\$

I hereby certify that this report is true, factual, and all-inclusive to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's signature

Date

2026 FINAL CAMPAIGN BUDGET REPORT

This report **must be filed** with the Elections Committee **no later than September 25.**

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*Email to elections@jcimi.org

Candidate:

Office:

Please list the quantity and **ACTUAL** costs of all proposed items. Copies of **all receipts/bills must be included** and labeled for each item Report. Please print or type.

ITEM	QUANTIT Y	ACTUAL COST	SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT
Filing Fee		\$	Cash Contributions	
			Source:	
Banner		\$		
Posters		\$		
Mailings				
- Postage		\$		
- Printing		\$		

- Paper/Envelopes		\$		
Flyers / Brochures		\$	Other Donations:	Value
Buttons		\$		
<u>Staff Badges</u>		\$	Source:	\$
Website		\$		
Miscellaneous		\$		
Total Amount Spent		\$	Total Income	\$

I hereby certify that this report is true, factual, and all-inclusive to the best of my knowledge.

Candidate's signature Date

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CANDIDATE PROFILE 2026

Candidate: _____

HOME CHAPTER: _____ JCI JOIN DATE: _____

Senator (check one)?: ☐ Y ☐ N If yes, Senator Number: _____

***The Candidate Profile will be published in a special Elections edition of the Michigander along with the Elections page of JCI Michigan's website.

Please complete **answer all questions and email an editable version, or file the online JotForm.**

The candidate must include a high-resolution digital headshot.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS (1/4)

Answers to questions must be less than 500 characters (not words) per answer.

What is your current employment and what aspects of your job, Jaycee career, or life experiences have helped you prepare for the Office you are running for?

What are the three most important skills or assets you will bring to the Office you are running for?

Questions continued on next page.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS (2/4)

Answers to questions must be less than 500 characters (not words) per answer.

What is the most important role of the position you are running for?

What inspired you to seek the position you are running for?

What new ideas or programs would you like to prioritize?

Questions continued on next page.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS (3/4)

Answers to questions must be less than 500 characters (not words) per answer.

What do you think is the greatest need of this organization right now and how will you help JCI MI meet this need?

***Presidential Candidates* - What would the role of the board of directors be in your administration?**

Questions continued on next page.

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS (4/4)

Answers to questions must be less than 500 characters (not words) per answer.

Vice Presidential Candidates - What would the role of the Programming/Membership directors be on your team

District Directors – What are your plans for building relationships with your chapters, their leadership and their members?

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director - What are the strongest and weakest components of JCI-Michigan's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion strategy?

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Supplemental Election Information

1. [Candidate Expectations & Guidelines](#)
2. [Candidate Tips & Recommendations](#)
3. [JCI Michigan Election Rules](#)
4. [JCI Michigan Bylaw excerpts](#)
5. [JCI Michigan 2026 Elections Calendar](#)